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'Foreign Report': Israel spies on Syria from Turkey

Turkey leaves Islamic summit amid Israel-ties row

By DOUGLAS DAVIS and news agencies

Turkey's President Suleyman Demirel withdrew from a global Islamic summit in Tehran to avoid facing additional criticism of his country's ties with Israel.

The three-day Organization of the Islamie Conference summit is due to end tomorrow with the leaders of Moslem nations issuing several resolutions, including one that criticizes Moslem countries' military relations with

Demirel defended his country's military accords with Israel, saying the agreement is bilateral and doesn't pose a threat to any third country.

Demirel was due to leave Wednesday evening, officials told The Tehran Turkish Associated Press. They did not want to be identified further.

In Ankara, the presidential palace confirmed Demirel was returning a day earlier, but gave no

The three-day summit of the Organization of the Islamie

Conference will end today (Thursday) with a closing session where leaders from Muslim nations will issue several resolutions, including one that criticizes Muslim countries' military ties

with Israel. Demirel himself did not say when he would leave. But he defended his country's military ties with Israel, saying their cooperation "is a bilateral agreement and doesn't pose a danger for any third country." "Israel and Turkey have a military agreement, and

this agreement will continue,"

Demirel told the AP.

OIC spokesman Mohammed Javad Zarif also would not confirm that Demirel will leave early, but he said an early departure should not be misconstrued.

"I believe that heads of state have their own schedules and make time for various engagements. And I think it should be seen in that light," Zarif told

Still Demirel's actions highlight the divisions facing the OIC, a diverse group of 55 nations from Indonesia to Algeria, who are

bound only by a common faith.

Meanwhile, the London-based

Foreign Report newsletter reports in its last issue that Israel is engaged in three main activities in Turkey: preparing for possible air attacks against Iranian nuclear facilities, recruiting Syrian spies, and eavesdropping on military activities in northern Syria.

The newsletter, to be published today, asserts that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's visit to Ankara this week was aimed at consolidating ties with

It says the Israel Air Force has conducted flights in Turkish airspace up to the border with Iran since a military cooperation agree-

ment was signed two years ago. The agreement says that Israel can keep eight aircraft permanently on Turkish soil in return for an equal number of Turkish planes at an airfield in southern Israel.

According to the newsletter, Israel wants access to the Turkish air base for F-15s and the latest F-15Is which might be used against Iranian nuclear installations.

However, Israel's main activity

in Turkey, it said, has to do with

Turkey's population includes a large number of Alawites, some of whom bave close ties with Alawites among Syria's ruling elite. "The Mossad hopes to profit from the connection to create a network of spies," the newsletter

According to the newsletter, the single, unmistakable Israeli suecess in Turkey bas been its military-intelligence monitoring unit.

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AGENDA

The IDF and Assad

IDF -Intelligence is now preparing its annual assessment. In the next few days, it will be discussed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and next month it will be submitted to Prime Minister Binyanin Sepangalar and the security cabinet. This is the first time there

will be no contribution from Yehuda Gil. either in the 'preparation of the central theory regarding trends in the Syrian army or regarding what the press has termed "Hafez Assad's intentions."

On his own terms

According to security sources, the assessment will inform us that the likelihood of war with Syria has declined this year. Assad is prepared to move toward peace and wants to renew talks so as to end his isolation from the West - but on his terms. This means renewing talks from the point at which they were broken off in March 1996, and a renewal of Israel's undertaking to return to the June 4, 1967 borders.

IDF Intelligence also believes the Syrian army is in trouble, suffering from a shortage of modern equipment and spare parts. This although the Syrians have considerably improved their missile power, their stocks of chemical weapons, and pri-marily their ability to manufacture their own weapons.

It should be stressed that these are initial conclusions prepared by researchers, and have not been discussed by the General Staff or consolidated for a final evaluation.

Tomorrow afternoon, US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk will arrive here. This will be the former ambassador's first visit in his new post, and it will-be a reconnaissance trip to familiarize him with the new issues for which he is responsible in Damascus and Beirut.

Preliminary intelligence assessments will be included in the briefings for Netanyahu and Mordechai in preparation for Indyk's visit, even though they have not been completed, as they are essential for the discussion expected to take place. israelis would describe indyk

as an activist. In more diplo-imatic terms, he would be termed an active American diplomat. He is not paying a social call. He wants to leave his mark.

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Knesset passes PA census law

By LIAT COLLINS

The government yesterday rushed through the Knesset an amendment to the law on the implementation of the Oslo Accords aimed at preventing the Palestinian Authority from taking a census in Jerusalem.

The amendment passed its third and final reading of the day close to midnight, by a vote of 26-11.

PA census takers carrias West Bank, Gaza, Page 2

This followed a relatively close first reading of 35-22, which could be attributed to the fact that the Arab parties initially turned the vote into a no-confidence motion, and the government turned it back into a motion of confidence in the prime minister, which Labor MKs said they could not support, despite an earlier decision.

Only 10 Labor MKs were present for the first vote. Neither Labor Party leader Ehud Barak nor Shimon Peres participated. By the second and third readings, a majority of MKs had gone

The original legislation prevents the PA "from opening or operating offices or holding meetings within the State of Israel," while the new version broadens this ban to include "activities."

After an early morning phone yote to get cabinet approval for the bill, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi activated all the necessary Knesset bodies - including the presidium, the House Committee, and the Law Committee – to ensure the bill would be introduced and passed in

Most of the debate was quiet, Arab Party), kept to a brief state-



A Palestinian family of 25 is counted by a Palestinian Authority census taker in Gaza yesterday.

with just a few MKs present. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was lightly heckled by Taleb a-Sanaa (Democratic

"I believe that as long as the implementation of the interim

ment on the general consensus on Jerusalem is united, our people the importance of the unity of will be united. And I call on all of Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capi- us - all parts of the people represented here - to support the bill on

agreement banning all activity of a political or similar nature which is not in keeping with honoring Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu stressed that no other people or country had ever made Jerusalem its eapital. "The Jerusalem test is a test for the

whole people," he said. Ze'ev Begin (Likud) asked that the prime minister add that Jerusalem would remain the undivided capital of "only.Israel." Internal Security Minister

Avigdor Kahalani, who presented the hill, attacked PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and had veiled criticism for the late Yitzhak Rabin. Kahalani said Rabin had been asked to make the amendment being proposed now - "the same clause and the same phrasing" but had refused because of coalition problems.

"I have submitted the bill [now]. I hoped I would not have to. I wrote to the PLO and the chairman [Arafat] and asked him not to carry out the census. We acted in all the diplomatic ways to ask that he not do it. We believed that he would not do it so as not to torpe-

do the peace process." In answer to a question from Begin, Kahalani said the police are acting to stop all PA activity in Jerusalem and suggested Begin give him any specific information he has.

Labor's Barak also met with catcalls, particularly when he accused Netanyahu of coming to power on the basis "of the blood libel that Peres would divide Jerusalem."

He said: "Ultimately it is Netanyahu who is dividing Jerusalem."

Barak repeated a Labor faction statement saying: "Jerusalem's unity and Israeli sovereignty in the united Jerusalem are a cornerstone of our policy. This is how the Labor-led government acted in the past and this is how we will act in

the future," See CENSUS, Page 2

PM, Arafat to meet next week in London

and HILLEL KUTTLER

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat are set to meet in London next Thursday within 24 hours of their

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planned separate meetings with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Paris and Geneva. A Foreign Ministry official in

Jerusalem was certain yesterday that the summit would take place, but allowed for the possibility of a last-minute change in venue and

propose a wide enough redeployment, US credibility in the peace process could be at stake, a senior Clinton administration official



Foreign Minister David Levy (left) and PA deputy chairman Mahmoud Abbas leave after meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. (Yitzhak Elharar/Scoop 80)

The official indicated that Israel would have to be told to come up Meanwhile, if Israel does not with a better proposal to safeguard US standing in the negotiations.

The official said the main US

concern is obtaining a proposal from Netanyahu that would allow it

to help move the peace talks forward. He also said that Albright did not suggest a percentage of territories from which Israel should withdraw, when she and Netanyahu met last week.

The official also denied a CNN report the US would demand that

Jerusalem declare support for a Palestinian state unless the next redeployment offer insufficient.

In an interview with Israel Radio, US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross said he believes that Netanyahu intends to carry out a reasonable redeployment.

"We believe that what we're engaged in now is a serious process, and obviously we're interested not only in a serious process but a serious outcome. And as the secretary has made clear publicly, she's the kind of person who would make it elear if what was going on wasn't serious - and she considers what's going on right now to be, serious," Ross said.

"The prime minister's made it very elear that he and his cabinet have made a decision in principle to do a further redeployment, and the approach that they're taking certainly the approach they're tak-ing with us - indicates that they're serious about following through with this The prime minister's made it very clear to us that he is very seriously pursuing this, and we take him at his word."

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What if mom is Orthodox and dad is Christian?

By MARILYN HENRY

In a custody case that pitted an Orthodox mother against a fundamentalist Christian father, a Massachusetts court has ruled that divorced parents of different faiths can be prohibited from teaching their religious beliefs to their children if it would harm

The three children of Barbara and Jeffrey Kendall, who are being raised as Orthodox Jews. experienced emotional distress because the father's religion teaches them that to be "saved" they must accept Jesus Christ, the mother's lawyer, David Cherny, argued.

These teachings contradiet their Jewish ethnicity, force them to regard their mother as someone doomed to hell, and place them in the unenviable position of having to regard choosing between religions as choosing between parents," said Cherny.

In a unanimous ruling, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday agreed. It barred the father from taking his

at the fundamentalist Boston Church of Christ or enrolling

their in Sunday school. Freedom of religion is an essential right in the US, but the court ruled that a parent's right to religious expression is secondary to the "best interests of the chil-

Kendall was nominally a Catholie in 1988, when he married Barbara Zeitler, a Reform Jew, in a Jewish ceremony. Three years later, he joined the fundamentalist church. In 1994, Barbara Kendall became Orthodox. Their religious differ-

ences led to the divorce. "You can't believe in Jesus on Suuday and in Moses on Saturday. It's too confusing,' Sanford Katz, a Boston College Law School professor specializing in family law, told The Boston Globe. "Kids need stahility. The home environment is not stable if you are seriously going to expect them to believe in two

PA census-takers carpet territories

Jew in line for Swiss presidency

Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti was elected yesterday by parliament to a one-year term as Swiss president in 1998. Interior Minister Ruth Dreifuss was elected vice president of the confederation, which puts her in line to become the first Jewish president in 1999. The rotating post is largely ceremonial.

Eitan responds to reports he met Husseini

"There's nothing to discuss about Jerusalem," Science Minister Michael Eitan said yesterday in response to reports he discussed the subject with Palestinian Authority Jerusalem Affairs Minister Faisal Husseini. "Jerusalem's future is under Israeli sovereignty and it will be one city. Every Israeli, especially Zionists and members of the National Camp, has no doubt

Eitan did not comment on whether he met with Husseini. If Eitan did have contact with Husseini, this was done without cabinet authorization, Shai Bazak, the prime minister's Züm

Gov't denies Har Homa treeze

The government denied emphatically yesterday that any political freeze has been placed on building on Har Hnma, and said that tenders for construction at the site will be offered in the first quarter of 1998. "There is no pressure, there are no demands, no requests from the Prime Minister's Office to stop or to prevent the building at Har Homa," said Moshe Eilat, spokesman for the Construction and Housing Ministry. Elli Wohlgelernter

Palestinian jailed for collaborator killings

A military court yesterday sentenced Jawad Darali to life imprisonment for the killing of 10 Palestinians he suspected of

collaborating with Israel, the army said.

Prosecutors said that Darali, from a village near the West Bank town of Ramallah, shot eight of his victims and ordered others to carry out the other two attacks. He was arrested during an identity check a year ago, and investigators discovered he bad been behind the 10 killings in the spring and summer of 1994, the army said in a statement.

Civil Administration head meets Hebron mayor

Civil Administration head Brig.-Gen. David Shahar met with Hebron Mayor Mustapha Natshe yesterday to discuss lifting fur-ther restrictions on Shuhada Street in Hebron. Palestinians complained that administration officials had told them the road would be open to all traffic and the current situation is damaging to the city's economy.

On October 29, the road was opened to Palestinian municipal and emergency vehicles, at the time Israeli officials said they would ease restrictions gradually based on the situation in the city. Shahar and Natshe also discussed reopening the vegetable market close to the Avraham Avinu Quarter and the restoration

Graves suspected under Western Wall plaza

and renovation of the casbah area.

According to archeologist Ya'acov Billig, there could be graves beneath the Western Wall plaza, the Antiquities Authority said yesterday. Billig and a colleague, Roni Reich, are to discuss the theory at a conference about research on Jerusalem being held today at Bar-Ilan University.

Billig believes that a burial ground with 30 skeletons found at the southwestern corner of the Temple Mount about two years ago, could stretch as far as the Wall's plaza. If this is true, it would reinforce a theory that the Wall only became a Jewish place of worship 500-600 years ago. Jerusalem Post Staff

German minister: outrage over Nazi scandal iust

The German public's outrage over incidents of right-wing extremism in the army is justified, Defense Minister Volker Ruche said yesterday. He blamed senior officers for poor judgement and "political ignorance."

Speaking in parliament, Ruebe said the officers had made a grave mistake in allowing a convicted neo-Nazi bomber, Manfred Roeder, to speak to the elite military academy in Hamburg in 1995. The blunder has caused a political storm in Bonn and could force the popular Ruche to resign, some ana-

Ovadia Yosef backs the second pullback

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and LIAT COLLINS

Shas mentor and leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef yesterday called on Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to carry out the second pullback according to the agreement with the Palestinians.

In a letter to the prime minister. Yosef urged Netanyahu to "continue in the way of peace and don't be deterred by hardships, either from without or within."

"I just heard from our representatives a report on the government's plans regarding the second pullback. I think it's extremely important to deepen the peace and proceed forwards. I hope soon we shall hear of the signing of the agreement," Yosef wrote.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi responded that "we have already announced we will keep our commitments only on condition that the Palestinians' keep all their commitments in the agreement."

Hanegbi, who was interviewed on Channel 1's A New Evening, told host Dan Margalit: "I suggest you ask Rabbi Yosef if Jewish blood is to be shed freely and if Palestinian terrorists should go around free and even be promot-

Yosef's letter followed his

remark on Tuesday describing Netanyahu's government as "a dea ear." A few weeks ago be compared Netanyahu to a "blind goat."

Margot Dudkevitch

Yosef, who spoke at a rare meeting with Labor and Meretz MKs, was asked by Dalia Itzik (Labor) why be doesn't express his opinion on the deteriorating peace process, as be used to do during the administrations of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.

Yosef replied that "when there is an attentive ear, I speak. When there is a deaf ear, I keep quiet." Shas MKs reacted angrily to former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir's dismissive comments about Yosef, on Channel 1's

Conference Call last night. Meanwhile, National Religious Party whip Hanan Porat met with key ministers to try to persuade them against voting for a further pullback until the Palestinian Anthority hands over wanted terror suspects, disarms Hamas, and the Palestinian aholishes

Covenant The NRP, with two ministers, believes it unlikely that a decision on redeployment will be made at Sunday's session. The party also wants the government to set policy in advance of permanent-status talks on the issues of refugees and the status of Jerusalem.

FRIEDA SKLAN

sister of the late Bernard Cherrick

died on December 9, 1997,

after a prolonged illness.

Burial was on the Mount of Olives.

where he is attending the Eighth Islamic Conference.

TURKEY.

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"For many years, Israel has had trouble eavesdropping on

the Syrian army in the north," it

noted. "In the past two years,

Turkey has allowed it to build

monitoring stations in the

mountains close to the Syrian

"Now Israel can keep a close

eye on military air traffic in

northern Syria and, even more

importantly, monitor electronic

The plenum debate was preceded by lengthy discussions in the House Committee, which had to decide to waive the rule that a bill be submitted 48 hours before a vote. Eleven coalition MKs and Rafi Ehil (Labor) voted in favor of the bill being raised;

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six opposition MKs were against.

There were also discussions in the Law Committee between first and second readings, during which MKs could raise reservations and amendments to the bill. Benny Elon (Moledet) caused the coalition discomfort over his reservation demanding that the bill include a clause that the Orient House be closed and that the Palestinians be

communications for Scud mis-sile brigades in northern Syria..."

In a related development, the

Arabic-language media has been

dominated by a chorus of fury over Turkey's conspicuously

warm welcome for Mordechai

and Ankara's perceived flaunting

of a strategic partnership with Israel as the Islamic Conference

Organization (ICO) was conven-

The sense of ontrage was heightened by the fact that ICO

foreign ministers, who met last

weekend to draft the summit's

ing in Teheran.

prevented from flying their flag in Jerusalem. The coalition MKs did not want to support the clause, which could cause further strain with the Palestinians, but could not afford to be seen opposing it. Batsheva Tsur adds. President Ezer Weizman vester-

resolutions, deliberately toned

with Israel and its military pres-

ence in Iraq to avoid alienating

Turkish Defense Minister

particular anger for declaring

that Turkey would ignore any summit resolution regarding its

Arab papers expect Turkish President Suleyman Demirel to

face a hostile reception at the

conference over Turkey's rela-

tions with Israel and its military

Ismet Sezgin was the object of Turkey.

down criticism of Turkey's ties rorists in northern Iraq.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat salutes the shrine of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini near Teheran yesterday,

Ankara.

ties with Israel.

day came out against the census, saying it is "not legitimate." He also called on both sides to refrain

the southern end of the Gaza Strip, security cooperation, and an industrial zone at Karni near Gaza. "Next week will be an important

He contended that agreements should be reached on issues about which both sides have already

mittees have been on the verge of agreement for several weeks, but suspect that the Palestinian side preferred to hold off until the scope of the next IDF redeployment in the West Bank is settled.

in east Jerusalem," Husseini said. He accused Israel of using "repression to try to prevent the Palestinians of this city from implementing their rights including the census."
PA officials dismissed Israel's attempts to

outlaw the census in Jerusalem. "Who recognizes this law?," said Palestinian Legislative Council speaker Ahmed Qurei. "Nobody recognizes this." The left-wing group Gush Shalom offered to help the PA carry out the census. In a

pied, and that east Jerusalem should be

Israel has police control... not sovereignty

regarded as Palestinian territory.

statement, it said that the government's "panic" over the survey and attempt to ontlaw it "will only find its place in the trash can of history."

PA sources were confident that the census could be completed in Jerusalem and that Palestinians in the city could complete their

forms despite police objections, and even send them in by fax.

While the Knesset debated the issue, leftwing MKs met throughout the day with PA and government officials in search of a

Before meeting with Palestinians at the American Colony Hotel last night, MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) told reporters a formula was being sought to have the census done "by a private agency and not the Palestinian Authority, and that's a good

solution to the issue."

Zucker also said he would tell the Palestinians "that a census done by the Authority (in Jerusalem) is a violation of the agreement between them and Israel."

Zucker said be was pessimistic that the government would agree to the compro-mise. He said, "I am afraid that the Israeli government is looking for a fight rather than for a solution."

Labor split on PA census bill

By LIAT COLLINS

By ELLI WOHLGELERMTER,

STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJEB

Abont 5,000 field workers started a

house-to-house census in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip yesterday, the first to be con-

ducted by the Palestinian Authority, while the Knesset met late into the night to try and

outlaw plans to include Jerusalem in the

Police spread out throughout east

Jerusalem and the Old City on the lookout

for census-takers. They arrested one 23-

year-old Arab waman who visited several

homes carrying census papers. Later she

Dressed in blue uniforms, the census tak-

ers braved rain and wind to take down data

about residents in towns and villages, their

property and businesses. PA officials said

the storms slowed the pace of the census but

was released.

The issue of how the public perceives its stand on the unity of Jerusalem split the Labor Knesset faction yesterday, when it met to decide how to vote on the bill which would stop the Palestinian Authority from carrying out its census in the city. Labor MKs also differed on their role as possible mediators between the government and the Palestinians.

After heated discussions, the MKs decided by a vote of 16-8 to support the government's bill. Shimon Peres and Dalia Itzik abstained.

The debate was marked by strong differences of opinion between Peres and party leader Ehud Barak. Peres, developing a line suggested by Yossi Beilin,

proposed that Barak call Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and tell him to call the Palestinians to ask them to transfer the censustaking in Jerusalem to a neutral, academic body instead of doing it under Palestinian Authority auspices. Peres said the timing of the law is wrong because of the Islamic conference in Teheran.

that people were cooperative.

to abstruct this," be said.

The census, funded by several Western

governments including Britain and Switzerland, is scheduled to take two

weeks. Results will be published next

The PA has invested much effort in the

population count, and PA chief Yasser

Arafat has appealed to Palestinians to

answer questions from field workers.

Hassan Abu Libdeh, head of the PA
Central Bureau of Statistics, said census-

takers encountered police resistance in

Jerusalem. "The operation has been excel-

lent on the first day despite Israeli attempts

"People are very excited about it, and very happy," Abu Libdeh said. Faisal Husseini, the PA minister responsi-

ble for Jerusalem, said Israel was unjusti-

fied in trying to prevent a census in

Jerusalem. He said that the international

"We have reason to believe the Palestinians would be willing to drop the matter," said Peres. "It would be better to drop it by agreement and not by legislation."

His comments followed a phone call by Beilin to Saeb Erekat who apparently agreed that the census be carried out by a neutral group. Barak disagreed. "Peres and Beilin should know better than anyone that if we suggest the prime minister calls Erekat, they will say we are trying to act behind their backs. I don't think we should become the mediators between the elected government and the Palestinians," be said. "There is a prime minister, there are negotiations, and there are open channels of communications with the Palestinians. Erekat knows the number of the phone be

could call and vice versa. "We must conduct a dialogue with the Palestinians, but we don't have to represent them or their interests," said Barak. "We have to demand from the Palestinians that they too respect agreements."

He said the bill was hastily drawn up "in a amateurish way" and the government would not be able to enforce the law if it passes. "Netanyahu is weakening Jerusalem through political posturing," Barak said. But he said Labor had to support the bill because it also objects to the PA's violations of the agreements and its "creeping into

Jerusalem." When Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani stopped by the room, Peres pleaded with him to persuade the government to drop the bill from the agenda. Elsewhere, Moledet leader

Rehavam Ze'evi complained about the way the legislation was hastily drawn up and presented after the census had begun. He

supported the bill, however.
Meretz leader Yossi Sarid criticized Labor's decision to support the bill. "If the bill is Chelm-like and hysterical as Barak said, those who support it also suffer from Chelmism and hysteria," Sarid said.

incursions against Kurdish ter-

One scnior commentator, Abdelwahab Badrakhan, suggest-

ed in the Saudi-owned al-Havat.

that the ICO consider excluding

views of its ally, it has become

possible to ask whether Israel is

represented at the Teheran sum-

mit via Turkey," he wrote. "That

being the case, can the Islamic

leaders feel comfortable with

Turkey's participation at the

from steps which deviate from the Oslo Accords.
"The census is not legitimate,

since both sides are aware that the

status must not be changed," Weizman said. "It is a complicated

issue... [but the census] has to be

prevented. In the long run, the

matter will have to be dealt with in

the framework of the final-status

agreement and that is not far off."

"I hope the efforts of the Israeli

government will bear fruit,"

Abbas, who is popularly known as Abu Mazen, said. "We have an

opportunity to npgrade our rela-tions, strengthen the peace process, and reach the hoped-for goal."

"Given that Turkey adopts the

Census law seals a loophole

BACKGROUND

The government's speedy move Tuesday night to submit a Knesset bill yesterday to block a Palestinian Authority census in Jerusalem followed an opinion from Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, who said there are loopholes in the law that could prevent enforcing a census ban.

The law, known officially as the Gaza/Jericho Agreement Implementation Law (Limiting of Activities) was passed by the Knesset in December 1994. Known informally as the "Orient House Law," it aimed at putting a stop to heightened Palestinian Anthority activity at Orient House and the establishment of PA institutions in eastern Jernsalem.

It restricts PA activity to Gaza and Jericho and bars any PLO or PA activity "of a political or govemmental nature ... which does not coincide with respect for Israel's sovereignty" in Israel without government permission. Then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin repeatedly said he could not deal with increased PLO activity in Jerusalem without the

legislation. But the law did not cover all eventualities, Rubinstein opined. While it could prevent the holding of PA "meetings" in sovergn Israeli areas, it could not restrict the PA from holding a

census. A ministerial committee headed by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi convened urgently Tuesday night to prepare an amendment that would enable the police to prevent a PA census in Jemsalem.

The new language of the law would make it possible to ensure that the PA and the PLO live up to their commitments under the Interim Agreement and international law forbidding political activity that would violate Israeli sovereignty - unless it received Israel's agreement, the Justice

Ministry spokesman explained. The ministers approved the draft amendment by phone yesterday morning, since there was no time to convene the cabinet. Yesterday's legislative process did not set a precedent, the spokesman said, noting a similar procedure had been followed in 1981 with regard to the Golan Heights Law.

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A Family Court judge previous-ly had ruled that Jeffrey Kendall had fostered "negative and distorted images of the Jewish culture," objected to his children learning about the Holocaust, and tried to impose his faith on them, the Globe reported.

The father's lawyer, Michael Greco, said he may appeal to the Supreme Court, which might see this as a case of religious freedom, not child custody.

Jeffrey Kendall was "not trying

to convert them to Christianity or to prevent them from developing Jewish identities," Greco said.
"He wanted the opportunity to instill important moral values at an early age. He's been deprived of that opportunity."

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The planned talks with Albright seem to signal an acceleration of diplomatic activity. This could be seen in the proposal made by the PA's deputy chairman, Mahmoud Abbas at a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday that four joint committees dealing with the peace process hold marathon sessions to try and reach agreements by next Wednesday.

Another sign of stepped-up diplomacy was in the scheduled arrival istant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affair's Martin Indyk tomorrow to confer with Netanyahu,

Levy, and other senior officials before proceeding to Damascus. Indyk is expected to urge Netanyahu to increase the percentage of West Bank territory to be evacuated by the IDF in the projected second pullback. The US report-

edly advocates evacuation of at least 12 percent as against the government's preference for 6 to 8%. A further sign of the heightened diplomatic flurry was an Israel Radin report late last night that security forces were on high alert today for warnings of possible

attacks in the territories, The committees referred to in the Abbas proposal have been negotiating safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Palestinian airport at Dahaniya at

week for which we are making extensive preparations," Levy said, "so that the [Netanyahu-Albright-Arafat] talks will be successful."

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Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert cuts the ribbon at the opening of Arab Book and Culture Week yesterday at Jerusalem's Ambassador Hotel, as Palestinian authors Nasser Nashashibi (center) and Dr. Farouk Muassi look on.

Pinhasi pleads guilty to conspiracy charges

Shas MK Rafael Pinhasi yester-day pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges and making a false decla-ration to the state comptroller regarding violations of the Party Funding Law in the 1988 Knesset elections and the local authorities elections in 1989.

Pinhasi's admission in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court was part of a plea bargain, according to which additional charges of keeping false corporate records, attempted fraud, and conspiring to commit a crime were dropped.

The prosecution asked Judge Amiram Binyamini to sentence Pinhasi to a suspended prison term and fine him NIS 20,000. Sentence is to be handed down on

Pinhasi, 57, who served as Shas treasurer and chairman of the party's finance committee, was charged with knowingly signing a false declaration he submitted to the state comptroller, with the intention to deceive. The statement intentionally omitted cash payments by Shas to yeshiva students employed in the party's elec-



tion campaigns. Such payments were illegal, since the students had military deferments for full-time religious study and were not allowed to work. Pinhasi's fraud aimed to

prevent their being drafted. At the end of yesterday's hearing. Pinhasi said be admitted having made a mistake. Ten years ago, that was the norm of the peri-od," he said. "In the meantime, and the parties have become more careful. And, of course, we've

paid a heavy price." The High Court of Justice ordered Pinhasi fired from his post as deputy religious affairs minister in 1993. His attorney pointed out that Pinhasi, who immigrated from Afghanistan as a child, had also served as deputy minister of finance, labor and social affairs, and communications. As a result of his indictment, he also lost the

mayoralty of Buei Brak. "It was done in error," Pinhasi told the court. "Not a penny went into our private pocket and there was no personal gain."

Two other Shas functionaries were found guilty with Pinhasi. Yehezkel Ashayak, a former party secretary, was charged with the same crimes and the prosecution asked for a suspended sentence and a NIS 17,500 fine. The prosecution asked that Shmuel David, a Shas activist charged with conspiracy and abetting a false declaration, be sentenced to a term of

Palestinians lose UN upgrade vote

3rd world for granted

By MARELYN HENRY

NEW YORK - After a run of victories in the General Assembly, the Palestinians were rebuffed at the UN in their bid for greater stature at the world organization.

A resolution that would have upgraded Palestinian status at the UN from observer to nearly a full member, was withdrawn Tuesday after a fuss over a European Union proposal to defer the action.

For the first time in many years in the General Assembly, Israel was not left alone with the United States and Micronesia," said Dore Gold, Israel's UN ambassador, referring to a tradition of overwhelming votes against Israel.

The automatic majorities of Third World countries can no longer be taken for granted by the Palestinians," Gold added.

The proposed resolution would have given the Palestinians, who have had observer status since 1974, a more elevated position than Switzerland or the Vatican. The proposal would have con-ferred on the PLO, in its capacity as observer, similar rights and privileges of participation as those conferred upon member states, with the exception of voting and

The European Union opposed the for a week.

status change, noting that the UN charter confers membership only on sovereign states. The 15 EU members proposed an amendment to defer a decision, while the UN secretary general would conduct a "review (of) whether the rights currently enjoyed by Palestine are adequate to ensure its proper participation in the work of the General Assembly" and other UN bodies.

Yemen's ambassador, Abdalla al-Ashtal, argued that the EU proposal was not a proper amendment and called it the complete antithesis" of the resolution.

The assembly ended up voting on the Yemeni question of whether the European proposal was an amendment or a resolution. With 65 votes against the Yerneni position, Egyptian Ambassador Nabil Elaraby withdrew the proposed upgrade of PLO status.

Nasser Kidwa, the PLO observer, said he was confident that "through future consultations, we will be able to overcome the difficulties and realize a wide support for that resolution, which we hope we will be able to present to you once again in the future."

The vote on PLO status, which was part of a package linked to the UN's annual debate on the "question of Palestine," was postponed

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HEBREW PRESS REVIEW By ORLY AHARONI

Arab summit

The three-day international con-vention of Islamic countries in Teheran has exposed disagreements among Iranian leaders, writes David Menashri in Yediot

forces influencing Iranian politics: the new, relatively moderate and pro-West President Mohammad Khatami and the more extremist spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The main difference between the speech of the spiritual leader and the speech of the president is in their approach towards the West, the main similarity is in their contempt for Israel," he

Ha'aretz's Gny Bechor also addresses the two leaders' speech-

He says that their archaic approach to Israel emphasizes Iran's relative solitude among Arab countries.

"Iran's absolute opposition towards Israel is viewed in the summit as irrational and attracts no one," be claims, adding that "this exception sheds a different light on the peace process between Israel and the Arab world, emphasizing its necessity and liveliness to the Arab countries and Israel

Ma'ariv's Oded Granot sums up the duality in the Islamic world in relation to Israel in a comment about Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's visit to Turkey as the

summit took place. He states that from the moment the visit began, "there [has been] a demonstration of a firm and vigorous stand to tread two paths: in Teheran Turkish President Demiral embraces the Iranian Khatami, while in Turkey, the Turkish Defense Minister and prime minister offer the Israeli citizen words of friendship."

After 10 years

intifada was marked also in the Hebrew press this week, which attempts to draw some conclusions for the future:

The intifada erupted taking the He is referring to the two main Israeli government by surprise; orces influencing Iranian politics: until then [the government] be new, relatively moderate and believed it had read the map of reality correctly," Ha'aretz editorializes, adding that the uprising paved a clear historical road to the establishment of a Palestinian

"In order for the government to avoid having to regret its decisions ten years from now, ... it should withdraw from the territo-

Writing in Yediot, Emuna Elon claims that although in the intifa-da's aftermath, Israelis have allegedly realized that a Palestinian state will be established, the display of an old Israeli arrogance offers the Palestinians an absurd toy-state," without an army, resources, or sovereignty.

"The arrogance does not lie in the actual offensive suggestion, but in the delusion that the Palestinians will agree to it," Elot writes, adding that "the Palestinians did not initiate the intifada in order to win a ridiculous dummy-state."
"As the decade marking the start

of the intifada falls during the same week as 'International Human Rights Day,' it is inevitable that Israel finds itself in the dock," writes Ma'ariv's Yosef

He asserts that a major fact has been overlooked in criticizing Israel's treatment of Palestinians: "the difference is that Palestinian terrorists willfully murdered, while the Israel Defense Forces unintentionally killed Palestinians while attempting to break the



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Garbage collectors back to work in TA | Dr. Hochberg's son

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Some 1,200 Tel Aviv sanitation workers went back to work yesterday morning and started collecting the city's garbage after two weeks of strike, after an agreement was

reached late last night.
For the next few days, 80 garbage trucks will work round the clock, and the workers, who claimed victory, promised that by the end of the week, all the garbage which piled up over 14 days will be removed.

According to the agreement, 100 workers now on personal contract will be put on the collective agree-ment, no one will be fired, and the department will get new trucks and equipment.

Private contractors will collect garbage in four neighborhoods, Kiryat Shalom and Florentine in the south and Ramat Aviv Gimmel and Azorei Hen in the north, as well as clean up entertainment centers on Shabbat. The sanitation workers who used to clean the four neighborhoods will be used to collect garbage in other parts of town more frequently than before.

During the two weeks of the strike, many tons of garbage filled the streets and blocked sidewalks and roads, hundreds of garbage bins and containers were set on fire, dozens of sanitation workers were arrested. Charges will be pressed against some of them.

The damage to property cost the city some NIS 2 million, plus the bundreds of thousands of shekels spent on its advertising campaign gainst the workers.

doorstep. Attached to the bag was a letter by Mayor Ronni Milo against the workers.



Sanitation workers begin cleaning up Tel Aviv's filthy streets yesterday.

missed the morning news and was requesting that residents place unaware the strike had ended. Thus, city workers delivered a large garbage bag to every

their garbage in the bags and put them "in the designated places, until the contractors start working or until the end of the sanitation

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Meir Ronnen contributes: The Beracha Foundation has invited 17 international and Israeli artists to suggest ideas for transforming the Hiria man-made mountain outside Tel Aviv, soon to

be phased out as a rubbish dump. According to Beracha director Martin Weyl, their suggestions will go on display at a leading Israeli museum. The first group of participants arrived in Israel this week.

testifies in mother's murder trial

The 13-year-old son of Dr. not trusted Hochberg for years, Amiram Hochberg, accused of and that he would stalk her and the May 16, 1995 murder of her mother at various times Shlomit Bleichman and her mother, Ida, took the stand for the prosecution in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, as the evidentiary section of the trial

As the boy refused to talk if he had to look at his father, Hochberg was removed to the hallway, where he could hear the proceedings, but not be seen from the witness stand.

The boy testified in camera, but a protocol of the session was released for publication. The boy testified about relanions in the estranged family,

saving he lived with his mother and visited his grandmother every day. He also said his mother had told him that she had

In her opening statement prosecutor Miri Diskin said Hochberg cold-bloodedly plamed the double murder. He picked Bleichman up at her home as she was leaving for work, and convinced her to go with him. "All that remains of that meeting, as a silent witness to the murder, is the victim's abandoned car, containing her belongings, her glasses, and her papers, all of them covered in

her blood." She said that on that same day, Hochberg went to Ida Bleichman's apartment and shot her. "The two women, mother and daughter, were strongly bound together, both in life and

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Lieberman denies interest in Agency job

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Trying to determine just who rime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will back for the post of Jewish Agency chairman became that much more difficult yesterday, when rumors began cir-culating that Avigdor Lieberman, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, might seek the post.

Only a day earlier, there had been reports that Lieberman's departure had made it easier for Netanyahu to agree to support the candidacy of Salai Meridor. Earlier this year, Meridor's candidacy was reported as not to Netanyahu's liking, and he was said to be backing Kuesset Immigration and Absorption Committee. chairman Naomi

A Likud candidate is scheduled to take over the Jewish Agency as part of a rotation agreement, with elections for a nominee to take

upcoming Zionist Congress meetings. However, an agreement which is under consideration by both sides would have the Likud candidate take over from Avraham Burg only in two years.

An agency source said yesterday he believes that Meridor will ultimately be Netanyahu's choice, and Israel Radio reported that Lieberman denied he is consider-

Sources close to Lieberman said this week he may seek the position of head of the International Likud, a job currently held by Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo.

Mayor Ronni Milo.

Lieberman won a victory on Tuesday when he succeeded in getting the Zionist movement's high court to accept a list of candidates he had presented for the Likud delegation to the Zionist Congress, which included many of his support his changes of the seen as solidifying his chances of gaining

'Yediot:' MKs rush to spend money

MKs are not so much buying time as spending time buying, according to a story in Yediot Aharanot. With the end of the financial year approaching, several MKs reportedly have been busy finishing off the annual budget they received to furnish their home-town offices, mainly by purchasing electric goods such as refrigerators, stereo systems, videos and televisions. The law granting them the budget for the office passed just a few months ago and the allowance cannot be carried over from one year to the next.

But the problem is not just current MKs. A report by the Knesset Comptroller AT THE KNESSET

discovered MKs before the elections, would not get

spree. Many of those who failed to return to the House also failed to return the goods or money. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon said the story was "inaccurate and misleading."

Shalom tells Knesset about Gil affair

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom said yesterday several teams are being established in the Mossad to study the various aspects of the Yebuda Gil affair and to ensure such a thing cannot happen again.

Shalom was answering several motions to the agenda on the subject. He said the affair was "serious" and could have caused serious harm but for the other intelligence which countered Gil's information.

Harel: Third Way will support redeployment

Following a meeting with council heads from the Jordan Valley yesterday, the Third Way announced it would support the second further redeployment but is concerned by the apparent trend to harm the Jordan Valley, Judean Desert and north Dead Sea area. "We should leave areas densely

national interest is to preserve Israeli sovereignty in areas with Jewish settlements and unpopulated areas," Third Way whip Yehuda Harel said.

The Third Way will not accept any damage to these areas," Harel

Tsomet considering splitting off from Likud

Tsomet whip Eliezer Zandberg said yesterday his faction is considering finding a way to split from the Likud and operate on a separate

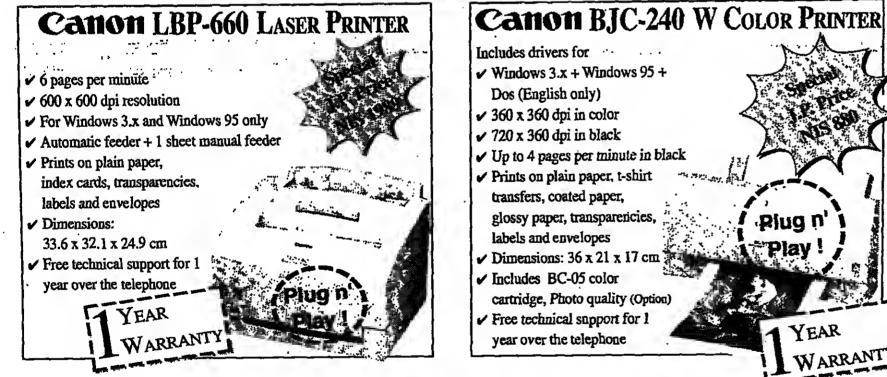
Zandberg was speaking after a meeting between Tsomet MKs and Prime

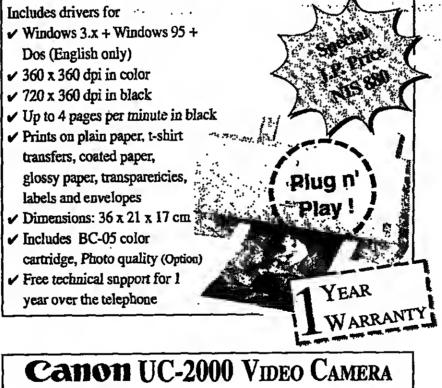
Binyamin Netanyahu. Tsomet MKs believe that the Likud is not abiding by its promises to them, such as the appointment of a deputy Knesset speaker from their faction, and is blocking Tsomet bills. Zandberg is demanding the government allow him raise a bill calling for the draft of yeshiva students and one which would annex the Jordan Valley.

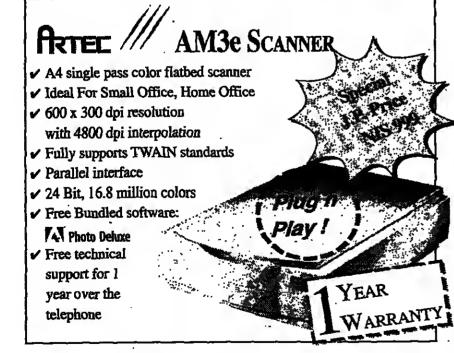
Zandberg said he had been "dis-appointed" by the meeting. Netanyahu told the Tsomet MKs that be could not support the annexation bill as it is a violation of the Oslo Accords and said he could not allow the draft bill to be raised at it would break up the

Yishai writes letter of support to Pollard

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai yesterday wrote Jonathan Pollard a leuer of encouragement in which he assured Pollard, "We will not rest and we will not be quiet until this harsh punishment is ended" and Pollard is released from a US jail, where he has been imprisoned for spying on the US for Israel. Communications Minister Limor Livnat is to give Pollard the letter when she visits him later this mouth.

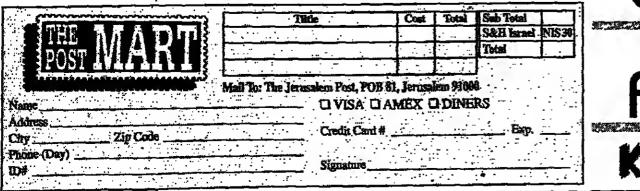








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Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu yesterday granted Health Minister Yehoshua Matza

permission to raise in the cabinet

meeting on Sunday his demand for a NIS 150 million Treasury

allocation for supplying 14 vital drugs to cancer, AIDS, diabetes

Matza went to the office of

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman

yesterday afternoon to formally

present him with an order listing

the medications, as required under

the National Health Insurance

Law. Usually the cabinet only can

vote on a request for the inclusion

of additional drugs in the basket of

health services if the finance min-

Neeman did not make any state-

ment after receiving the document.

described as "deception" the

Finance Ministry's announcement

late Tuesday night that Neeman

had agreed to cover the cost of the

vital drugs - on condition that the funds be deducted from the health

funds' budgets. A Treasury

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Jerusalem

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jerusalem residents faced mas-

sive traffic jams yesterday morn-

ing, as intersections were blocked

by taxi drivers who said that they

intend to cause similar problems

in Tel Aviv today and in Haifa

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Protesting government plans to lower prices for taxi permits, convoys of cabs slowly made their way

down main streets such as Herzog, Jaffa, Herzog, King David, and the Patt-Gilo road. They also blocked traffic on Highway No. 1 and at the entrance to Jerusalem, until police intercent intervened. The protests caused severe traffic disruptions, making it difficult for Magen David Adom to transport people to hospitals. In response to a request from MDA, the taxi drivers switched their protest from Jerusalem's main roads to the area in front of the Treasury. They blocked the

prevented this and towed the taxi

guard at her home.

faces the yeshiva.

Following the firebomb attack on the Tiberias-

home of Kochava Dehan on Tuesday night, Am

Hofshi, the organization dedicated to protecting the

rights of the secular public, is to pay for a full-time

Dehan is involved in a conflict with a yeshiva estab-

lished next door to her house by Rabbi Dov Kook, hus-

band of the well-known religious exhorter Rabbanit

Leah Kook. In the past, Dehan reported that students at the yeshiva, which was established for former crimi-

nals and drug addicts, had smashed a glass of coffee

Am Hofshi spokeswoman Anat Galili said yester-

day that in the face of the apparent unwillingness of

the Tiberias police to protect the Dehan family, the

organization had decided to take upon itself to protect

them. She said that the couple is already sleeping in their living room, rather than use the bedroom, which

into her husband's face and set fire to her car.

doused a taxi with fuel and

attempted to set it on fire. Police

spokesman said yesterday morning that the cost of the druga will be covered, "but we will settle accounts with the health funds later." Ben-Ami countered that the health funds cannot absorb the costs of providing the extra drugs.

Meanwhile, Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said at an emergency meeting of doctors at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital yesterday that it was "disappointing and scandalous that medical matters are decided by Treasury clerks." Due to Treasury efforts to emasculate the national health insurance system through the arrangements bill, said Blachar, people are liable to pay with their lives while the Treasury changes the rules of the game." He added that the arrangements bill changes, which would allow the insurers to charge members extra for medical services and shrink the basket of mandatory services, "are not at all sure to reduce the deficits."

The Knesset plenum yesterday passed first reading, 37 to 2, of a private members' bill presented by Labor MK (and former bealth minister) Ephraim Sneh to give veto power over inclusion of new medications in the basket of health services, and take this power away from the finance minister.

Today, the addition of new medicines to the health basket is decid-

Cabinet may expand health basket ed upon by the health minister but is conditional on the support of the finance minister and cabinet. Sneh said it is difficult to get additions approved because the Treasury consistently objects to increasing the health budget.

Eprex (for cancer patients suffering from anemia resulting from chemotherapy) and Respirdal (for schizophrenics whose condition has not been steadied by other

Treasury attacks health funds

The health funds' decision to remove cancer and AIDS drugs from the basket of health services is an "incredibly cynical" move, State Budget Director David Milgrom said yesterday.

Milgrom accused some of the funds, led by Kupar Holim Clalit, of increasing spending on non-medical activities and then claiming they have no money for life-saving medicines.

Between 1994 and 1996 Clalit's expenditure on

advertising and marketing increased 96 percent to NIS 51.5 million, while its patient numbers declined 5% to 66% of the market, according to Treasury figures.

"Immediately prior to the discussions of the [state] budget some of the health funds, in particular the largest, stopped supplying medicines to the sickest patients and sent them to the Knesset [to demonstrate]," Milgrom said.
While Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman decid-

vices if this is detrimental to the public. The Health Ministry is alone in not facing a cut in its budget in 1998; a total of NIS 2.3 billion will be cut from the other ministries.

Key to the reform of the health funds is allowing for greater flexibility in raising income. The feeling in the Treasury is that greater competition will lead to greater efficiency. However, competition must not be the be-all and end-all and will be carefully monitored.

There is no plan to privatize the health funds nor is there any intention of doing so in the future,

ed late Tuesday to force the funds to provide these

medicines, the organizations will have to find the

sources of funding for them from its other expen-ditures, Milgrom added.

Milgrom also pointed out that Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has the legal duty to prevent the removal of any medicines from the basket of ser-

Police keep close guard over taxi drivers as they demonstrate in front the Treasury yesterday.

be able to acquire a taxi permit for holder of a taxi permit for at least entrance to the Treasury and four years will be able to acquire their own permit for NIS 135,000.

At present, there are some 12.000 taxis on the road, and the Transport Ministry estimates that According to a government deci- about 6,000 non-owner drivers sion, as of January 1, anyone will have four years' experience.

Secular-rights group to guard

firebombed Tiberias home

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According to ministry Director-NIS 195,000, a sum that is to be reduced annually by five percent. General Nahum Langental, the change would provide for thou-Drivers who have worked for the sands of new jobs and help the non-owner drivers, who today have to pay hundreds of dollars every month to the owners. The change, he said, would answer the growing demand for taxis and ease the plight of passengers, who often waste a great deal of time waiting for a taxi.

Yesterday, Kook told Army Radio that if Dehan is

unhappy with the situation, she has the choice of

cither becoming religious or moving out.
On Shabbat, Am Hofshi plans to bring a group of

supporters to the home, as well as to Migdal

Ha'emek, where a butcher shop selling non-kosher

meat was twice set on fire. Following the arson

attacks, the Migdal Ha'emek Local Council passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of non-kosher meat,

an action which Am Hofshi plans to challenge in the

Am Hofshi co-chairman Yosef Paritzky, a Tel Aviv

attorney, said that situations almost identical to that

faced by the Dehan family exist in Ness Ziona and

The haredi community in Safed bas cancelled its

Friday night demonstration against a local cafe that is

open on Shabbat. The communities rabbis decided

that lack of business will force the owner to close.

and that demonstrations only give him publicity.

Avraham Parid, chairman of the Association of Taxi Drivers, said yesterday that the change could result in doubling the number of taxis on the road and would min the industry. He said that until now the price of a taxi permit had been \$60,000, a sum which the

government had reduced last year

Parid said that if the demonstrations this week have no effect, the drivers would consider other measures, including a taxi strike, next week.

Itim contributed to this report.

A-G probes Gil censorship violations

Attorney-General Elvakim Rubinstein has instructed the police to examine all publications concerning former Mossad agent Yehuda Gil, who is accused of passing on false informa-tion. After meeting with State Attorney Edna Arbel, the police, and the censor yesterday, Rubinstein said the investigation aims to determine whether it is necessary to take action following media failure to observe the initial court-ordered news blackout on details of the case.

US teen murder suspect remanded

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday remanded the Maryland teenager accused of a brutal murder until hearings on extraditing him are completed. The US has officially requested that the suspect, who fled to Israel shortly after the September murder, be returned to the US to stand trial. His lawyers, who have pleaded that the teen is an Israeli citizen on the basis of his father's Israeli citizenship, did not oppose the remand request. Batsheva Tsur

Passports to be returned to old immigrants

Some 16,200 Israelis who had a passport or driver's license confiscated when they immigrated between the 1940s and 1960s, will finally get them back, a Jewish Agency spokesman

Many came from Morocco or Tunis and had documents taken at a transit camp in France for unclear reasons. As a result, many were issued identity cards without a proper date of birth, and have consequently had trouble collecting pensions or National Insurance. Missing passports from 47 countries were found in July in an agency warehouse in Tzrifin and a computer program has been devised to help return them to their owners. Aryeh Dean Cohen

Media Committee to coordinate Jubilee

Within the framework of his responsibilities to the Second Authority Law, Education and Sports Minister Zevulun Hammer is seeking to convene a five-member coordinating committee to oversee the activities of the country's public and private broadcast media.

His stated reason for the establishment of such a committee is to rationalize the broadcasting of major Jubilee events "in order to avoid a simation in which the [different channels] would broadcast the same event simultaneously."

Edelstein: Higher mortgages for immigrants

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein and Yisrael Ba'aliva MKs Yuri Stern and Roman Bronfman yesterday urged Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman to increase mortgages and rental assistance provided to new immigrants in the 1998 budget, or face trouble in passing it. An immigrant family currently receives NIS 97,000 as a mortgage from the government, excluding Ethiopians. Singles receive NIS 45,000 up to age 44, and over 44, NIS 70,000. Families renting apartments are entified to rental subsidies during their first five years here and get NIS 450 a month in their first year, with the sum dropping each year thereafter until it reaches about NIS 150 in the fifth year.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Retired police officer confesses to slaving Moshe Pe'er, the retired police officer arrested as a suspect in the

fatal shooting last Sunday of Levana Ben-Non in Kiryat Motzkin, reportedly has confessed to the slaying, but said it was accidental. Pe'er, 58, who said in court Monday that he is innocent, reportedly changed his story to say that he didn't intend to murder Ben-Nun. Pe'er, 58, reportedly shot Ben-Nun after she tried to break off an affair with him. After Pe'er was arrested he tried to commit suicide by swallowing pills.

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An Ayatollah behind the bars

The arrest of former Islamic leader Hussein Ali Montazeri Shakes Iran

By NICHOLAS GOLDBERG

QOM, Iran — In this holy city, where the Islamic revolution was born more than three decades ago, the arrest of Grand Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri has left people shaken and worried, and wary of the secret police now crawling

Montazeri's school has been wrecked and closed, his books burned by vigilantes. He himself was assaulted, according to his son, and knocked to the ground. Once a great leader of the Islamic revolution, he's now an elderly man under house arrest, being punished for his thoughts, and it is unclear what will become of him.

If it is treason against the people - which it is - there will be no laxity," warned Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader. Treason, in this country, is pun-

ishable by death. The bearded, 75-year-old mullah made his offending remarks last month during a speech on a seemingly obscure religious subject to a roomful of students. In it, Montazeri - a teacher of Khamenei and former president Ali Akhbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a leader of the Iranian revolution, and a man once slated to take over from the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini as supreme leader — joined a growing move-ment of dissidents challenging the most basic underpinning of the

cal leader to run the government. Along the way, he served as a harsh reminder that the revolution that was made in Qom can be unmade there as well.

Islamic republic: the right of a cleri-

The system is being shaken from within. That's why they're so upset," said Daryoush Farouhar, a longtime opponent of the regime.

"When it comes from one of their own, someone like Montazeri especially, who is respected as a learned Islamic scholar, it's like throwing a bomb into a building." Nor is

Montazeri the only insider criticizing the role of the supreme leader. There's also Ayatollah Ahmed Azari-Oomi, a senior cleric who distributed a 35-page document defending Montazeri. There's Abdelka rim Soroush, an influential Islamic philosopher who has been arguing for years that mosque and state should be disentangled - and who was physically barred from speaking to a student meeting in Tehran just a few weeks ago. There are others as well, like Ayatollah Sayed Sadegh Rohani, who has been living under house arrest in Mashad for 14 years.

The controversy comes in the wake of May's watershed election for president, in which Mohammed Khatami won a stunning upset over the heavily favored, right-wing candidate backed by Khamenei. The election result was widely viewed as a call for dramatic change in Iran and for a loosening of social strictures that have gone along with Islamic rule.

Nevertheless, voicing dissent is not a safe practice here. Heshmatollah Tabarzadi, head of the Union of Islamic Students and Graduates, said in an interview last month that the supreme leader should be popularly elected, rather than appointed by other clerics. His office was soon stormed by thugs believed to be directed by rightwing government forces.

"For 15 minutes, six or seven men beat me and kicked me," said Tabarzadi, whose hand was still in a cast during an interview last week. "They hit me in the face with a cable, and with brass knuckles. They yelled, 'Why have you criticized the leader."

Few believe that the Islamic regime is on the verge of collapse almost 20 years after it came to power under Khomeini, driving out Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi. But for Khamenei, the hard-line leader known as "Allah's deputy on Earth," the events of recent weeks are significant.

"Everyone knows that when change comes, if it comes, it will come from within," said Shirin Ebadi, a human-rights lawyer in Tehran. That is why these internal battles are so important."

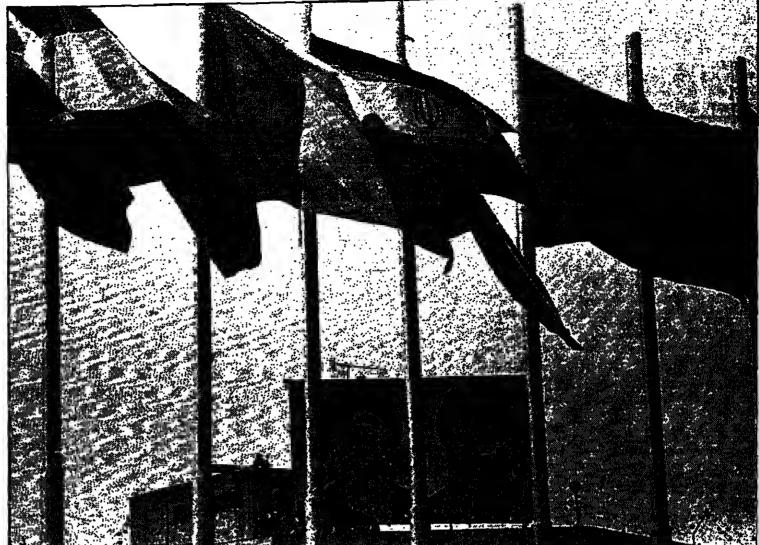
At the heart of Montazeri's comments - as well as those of Soroush, Tabarzadi and Qomi — is the concept of the ideological underpinning of clerical rule in Iran. As enunciated by Khomeini in 1970, it calls for selecting a supreme political leader from among the ranks of top ayatollahs to run the government as the prophet Mohammed ran the Islamic community in the seventh century. This supreme leader

Khomeini was the first — is

empowered, among other things, to dismiss the president, to appoint military and police commanders and to declare war. The leader, expected to be the most senior and learned cleric in the land, is chosen by a committee of senior clerics. In his speech, Montazeri, himself

a religious leader, as are virtually all senior government officials, did not call for a separation of religion and politics. But he made two key assertions: First, he argued that Khamenei was not qualified to serve as the leader, because he was neither a senior-enough cleric nor a seriousenough scholar. Second, be argued that the supreme leader, whoever that person is, should act as an overseer, ensuring that secular government does not conflict with Islamic law, rather than as a hands-on politician running the machinery of secular government day-to-day.

The duty of the leader is to supervise that nothing violates the religious principles," Montazeri said. It does not mean that you form a large organization and a royal guard bigger than the ones of the kings and that no one can be in touch with you." Montazeri, who studied with Khomeini as early as 1939 and was a leader of the anti-shah movement from the 1960s, was Khomeini's original choice to succeed him as



Ayatollah Khamenei's portrait dons a Teheran rooftop alongside Ayatollah Khomeini's. Khamenei is accusing his 75-year-old nemesis Montazeri of 'treason against the people.'

supreme leader.

But in the late 1980s, the two clashed when Montazeri criticized mass executions as well as the regime's treatment of dissidents and its conduct of the Iran-Iraq war. Just three months before his death, in June 1989. Khomeini purged Montazeri from the inner circle and removed him as designated successor.

To this day, many of Montazen's opponents argue that he is nothing more than a disgruntled has-been who wishes he had gotten the top job.

In his last days, Imam Khomeini no longer recognized Montazeri as a good figure to replace him, and he changed his mind," said Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi, one of the senior clerics in Qoin, during an interview last week at his Koran school. "But he and some members of his entourage believe it was his right, and they're still trying to make that point." Others argue that Montazeri simply hasn't done his homework.

"Any source which claims that the holy prophet Mohammed was only. an adviser in the consultative body which [guided] Islam at that time

doesn't know what the Koran hasrevealed," charged Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi, head of Iran's judiciary, during his sermon at Friday prayers in Tehran. "Have you not observed in history that the prophet himself issued decrees both on wars and peace, in addition to taking care of financial affairs?" (Newsday)

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In Baghdad, Jordan's charge d'affaires Adil Swaidan confirmed he had been recalled in protest over Iraq's hanging on Monday of four Jordanians on smug-

gling charges. "I have been summoned by my govemment for consultation and as a protest Ali and Rizeq Basharah. against the Iraqi decision executing four lordanian nationals," Swaidan said.

He said the men were hanged after a special court in Baghdad charged them with smuggling car spare parts whose total value was 520,000 Iraqi dinars (around \$400).

He named the four, who he said were in their 30s, as Walid Mohammed Tawfiq, Saleh Yousif Ali, Saced Yousif

Diplomats said the retaliation was Jordan's toughest diplomatic stand against Baghdad since King Hussein, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's main Arab ally during the Gulf War, began publicly calling for change in Iraq after the defec-tion of senior Iraqi officials in 1995.

A number of Iraqi diplomats have been expelled in the last few years. The latest expulsions were in August 1996 when charges Iraq had a role in disturbances in

The latest step reduces to seven diplomats the current 22 accredited embassy staff, excluding an unspecified number of Iraqis connected to the embassy, officials said.

Officials said Jordan's Deputy Prime Minister and acting Foreign Minister Jawad al-Anani told Iraqi Ambassador

moning him to the ministry, where he was handed a letter of protest from the Jordanian government.

Jordan had condemned the executions as unjust and "uncommon practice" among friendly neighbors and said Iraq went ahead despite pleas at the highest level to commute the sentences and ohtain details of the petty charges

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin has an acute respiratory viral infection resulting from a cold and will stay at a sanatorium outside Moscow for 10-12 days, the Kremlin con-

firmed yesterday. Presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky told a news briefing Yeltsin was not in bed but had been told by doctors not to go ontdoors. He said Yeltsin's cold Stockholm last week.

"Doctors treating him say that an acute respiratory viral infection has developed out of a cold." Yastrzhembsky said, adding that the Kremlin chief was also running a temperature. "The doctors do not exclude influenza developing and have recommended a stay in a sanatorium for the president.

sanatorium [outside Moscow]," the spokesman said.

Russian debt and Moscow share prices fell on an initial report from Interfax news agency saying Yeltsin had been taken to hospital with a cold.

Yeltsin, who is 66, underwent heart surgery in November last year and then caught pneumonia before returning to the Kremlin in "Today he went to the Barvikha February. Yastrzhembsky said

ments while at the elite sanstrainm A year after Yeltsin's heart operarion he underwent a series of

tests and doctors said then they

had no concerns over his health. Television footage taken of Yeltsin at a ceremony on Tuesday showed him standing firmly although he was widely reported

to be tired when he made a threeday visit to Sweden last week.

Global pact waits another day

KYOTO, Japan (Renters) -The UN meeting on global warming has been extended for an extra day and a senior US official said yesterday chances of an agreement on redneing greenhouse gas emissions were down to 30 percent.

In a hleak forecast about a possible collapse of the meeting of 160 nations after 10 days of negotiations, the official said developing natioos were holding an agreement "hostage" hy their opposition to pollution trading between nations.

With an agreement tantalizingly in sight once the US, the European Union and Japan settled differences over the size of gas cuts, the row involving the so-called G77 and China at this late stage cast a

pall over the gathering.
"Some developing nations are holding the agreement hostage over emissions trading," a senior US official said. "If I were a betting man, and I am, I would say the chances of an agreement at this point are 30 percent, maximum."

Earlier in the week, conference officials had hoped to have the meeting wrapped up with an agreement by today. Kiyotaka Akasaka of Japan's

Foreign Ministry also said the emissions trading issue was causing problems.

While the bulk of the issues have been resolved, the problem of developing nations is still pending." Akasaka told Japanese reporters.

"We don't have a deal yet." Hopes had soared when conference chairman Raul Estrada said that progress in negotiations, mainly between the US, the EU and Japan, made-it possible for inheres to be a global reduction among industrialized countries of 6% instead of the 5% he had suggested in draft proposals on

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Sources said that under deals worked out during frantic negotiations yesterday, US cuts would be 7% from 1990 levels, while the EU cuts would be 8% and Japan's cuts 6%. However, the sources did oot rule out these figures changing slightly in the horse trading that has followed every move.

The talks were spurred by warnings that pollution-induced global warming eventually could lead to catastrophic shifts in the Earth's climate, including droughts, floods and rising sea levels.

Going into the meeting 10 days ago, the US, the world's biggest greenhoose gas producer, had wanted just to stabilize emissions at 1990 levels in the next 15 years, while the EU had the most amhitions plan for 15% cuts and Japan proposed 5%.

Formal conference meetings were scheduled and rescheduled throughout the day as the saga unfolded. The US official did not name which members of the socalled G77 and China grouping of developing nations were holding op a deal.

"But it involves major players," be said.

Under the trading proposal, countries exceeding their emissions levels could still meet their targets by boying credits from nations emitting less than they were allowed.

Emissions trading already has the US in the form of daily over-is-seemed the end was in sight. the counter dealing in permits for sulphur dioxide emissions. Some Canadian companies have also already started trading in emission

Critics complain the plan would allow hig polluters to buy their way out of cutting emissions in their own country. Its supporters say that trading is a central part of all industrialized nations' plans to fight global warming.

They [developing nations] know that without trading it is impossible for nations like the US to meet the big steps we are taking at this meeting to fight pollution, the US official said.

Trading is not the developing nations' only objection. They also want dropped from a draft agreement Washington's demands that the developing world commit to take part in the fight against global warming some time in the future.

The demand, which developing nations say they cannot give because their growing economies could not cope with the expense at this time, has been made a makeor-hreak condition for the US senate to ratify an agreement. Environment

Colombian Minister Eduardo De La Rosa said, "No one wants an agreement without clarity on emissions trading, on voluntary developing country participation, and on compliance.... Right now part of the concern is that 'voluntary' will later be construed as 'mandatory.'

He said Brazil and India were among developing countries most adamantly refusing to accept a protocol with wording on any type of new commitment by developing countries.

Everyone wants an agreement, but oot just any protocol," De La Rosa said.

Estrada fought to hold the meetbeen tried for around five years in being blogether just when it had

I doo't know what is exactly going to be the end;" Estrada said. "Perhaps this day will be in the future remembered as the Day of

Lone hijacker arrested in Moscow



Russian commandos patrol the airfield at Moscow's Sheremetyevo-1 Airport yesterday after the hijacked Il-62 landed.

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian security forces yesterday arrested a lone hijacker and released 142 passengers - who were unaware of the hijack until they left the plane flying from the Far East to Moscow, airport and security officials said.

"Everyone is safe and sound," Gennady Zaitsev, head of Russia's Federal Aviation Service, told reporters at Moscow'a Sheremetyevo-1 Airport, where the plane landed.

The hijack suspect, Gennady Todikov, 59, seized the Ilyushin-62 airliner early in the morning after it took off from Magadan en route to Moscow with 142 passengers and eight crew members on board, including 42 children.

Deputy Interior Minister Pyotr Latyshev told parliament later in the day that the hijacker delivered a letter signed by three passengers

ten guarantee to take them to Switzerland and grant them political asylum there. He was armed only with a fake

bomb, police said. Latyshev said there was reason to suspect the accused hijacker's mental health.

Todikov told interrogators he thought someone was monitoring him, so to highlight his oppression and disagreement with the Russian government, he sold his apartment in Magadan and decided to hijack a plane, Latyshev

"Of course, experts will make their conclusions, bot we have all reasons to doubt his psychological health," Latyshev said.

He said the elite Alpha commando force had detained the hijacker after he was asked to emerge from the aircraft to negotiate with offidemanding \$10 million and a writ-

A Sheremetyevo-1 spokeswoman said suspicions there were two more hijackers on the plane did oot prove true.

Vladimir Gudkiyev, a State Duma lower house of parliament deputy for the Magadan region, said the accused hijacker appeared calm and composed after he was

"He looked calm, produced documents, answered questions," Gudkiyev told reporters, adding Todikov was a resident of the Magadan region and offered little resistance when captured.

The airliner landed at about 11:30 a.m. at Sheremetyevo-1, where Russian security forces had already set up an emergency headquarters. Police evacuated the immediate area and sealed off the domestic terminal of Sheremetyevo-1, which shares a runway with the Sheremetyevo-2 international terminal. Officials said the airport had not been elosed altogether. President Boris Yeltsin, who

was at a sanatorium outside Moscow with an acute respiratory viral infection, discussed possible countermeasures with Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov and Nikolai Kovalyov, head of the Federal Security Service, Itar-Tass news agency said.

It quoted Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, as saying the president was "naturally worried about the fate of those on board" and was "closely monitor-

ing the situation." Everything was fine and calm, passengers knew nothing," said Vladimir Yermolayev, a 57-yearold passenger. "We only learned about what happened when we were getting ont and were surrounded [by commandos]. It was

Nobel laureates receive prizes at glittering ceremony

and nine pioneers in science collected Nobel prizes in a glittering ceremony on Wednesday while anti-landmine activists received the Nobel Peace Prize in Norway.

The world's leading scientists and economists—
as well as Fo— received their prestigions prizes on
the same day that American Jody Williams and the International Committee to Ban Landmines received the peace prize in neighboring Oslo.

In Sweden, Nobel prizes for Medicine, Chemistry, Physies, Economics and Literature were awarded to 10 winners in Stockholm's elegant Concert House by King Carl XVI Gustav.

As has been the case in recent years, Americans dominated the proceedings, with 6 of 10 winners in

Loudest applause from the 1,800 formally-dressed audience at the concert house came for Fo, a popular winner of the Nobel Literature Prize and author of

Stockholm being Americans.

Medicine Prize winner Stanley Prusiner, who dis-

covered a disease-causing agent that could have helped to prevent the outbreak of "mad cow" disease, ensured he would get plenty of applause by bringing a following of 55 people from the US. Not all of them, however, could get a scat at the Nobel banquet on Thursday evening, Sweden's social event of the year when 1,300 people sit down for a sumptuous meal and entertainment in Stockholm City Hall.

Demand for one of the 1,600-crown tickets is so high that Nobel official Michael Sohlman said he was being lobbied by foreign ambassadors in Sweden for tickets.

US Economists Robert Merton and Myron Scholes were awarded the economics prize for their formula to work out the value of derivatives, described as a key reason behind the success of the world's derivatives markets.

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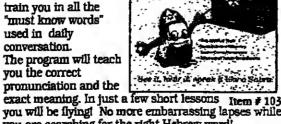
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In the shadows of Lenin's cadaver

By ADAM TANNER

MOSCOW - In 1941, Ilya Zbarsky boarded a train in Moscow to accompany the remains of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin to a secret location in Siberia. He was to stay by the side of the founder of the Soviet state until the end of World War II.

By that time Lenin had been dead for two decades, but Zbarsky was charged with keeping him looking as he did when he died in January 1924.

"It was not especially pleasant work," said Zbarsky, 84, who has just published his memoirs In the Shadow of the Mausoleum.

"My position was very dangerous; you could be arrested for a wrong word and even shot. Even a minor fault could be dangerous because Stalin was the leader and there was the terror of dictatorship," he said in an interview.

Zbarsky broke his silence a few years ago when he first began to reveal grizzly details of how his father Boris and Professor Vladimir Vorobyov preserved Lenin's body in

Zbarsky's book, published in French in October and expected to be translated later into English and German, adds even more detail to the strange tale, which was a state secret in Soviet times.

THE INITIAL autopsy on Lenin involved the cutting of veins, which are the traditional pipeline for embalming fluid, Moscow had decided that the body had to be preserved, so the embalmers had to come up with a new technique.

They produced the initial idea of freezing the body, and this was approved by the Soviet government despite the doubts of other scientists.

But as the weather began to get warmer in March of 1924, the embalmers had to come up with a

The equipment which was very rare at this time - refrigerators were inst in their first stages - was brought from abroad and began to be installed in the mansoleum," Zbarsky said. "During this time Lenin's body began to deteriorate...and the equipment for freezing was not yet ready.

Vorobyov headed a new effort to preserve the body chemically, and came up with a method of immer-

"The body was washed with water, with different concentrations of alcohol, then with elevated solutions of potassium acetate. Then it was put into a bath," Zbarsky said.
"In several spots on several sides of the body cuts were done for better penetration and permeability of this

Lenin's current caretakers confirm that the technique remains the same to this day - several months in the bath every 18 months, and a touchup dab of solution twice a week.

Zbarsky started working in Lenin's granite mausoleum on Red iquare in 1934 as an assistant to his father and Vorobyov.

"As I was studying physiology in the biological faculty of the university, I had some experience with the human corpse. But as it was Lenin's body I was afraid to touch it for some time. Afterwards it began to become routine work."

Even then, the fear of something going wrong with Lenin gripped the entire team of embalmers.

"The most dangerous were the moles which appeared from time to time, the spots," he said, "We could be punished for a minor fault, we were always in stress...On the other hand, we were in a privileged position in comparison to our col-

Zbarsky accompanied his father and the body to Tyumen during

between Lenin and the advancing Nazi forces.

"It was top secret, but nonetheless the population of the city could guess this," he said.

Zbarsky lost his job at the mausoleum in 1952, after his father was arrested in a final wave of Stalinist repression. The son then got a job doing cancer research and still shows up at his Moscow laboratory several times a week.

ZBARSKY, WITH a crop of white hair, bushy eyebrows and a sharp memory, appears far younger than his true age, and keeps a sense of humor about his past.
"I haven't embalmed myself, cer-

tainly," he said when asked about the secret of his longevity. "The majori-ty of my friends are dead and I survived this difficult period, but I have no special secret."

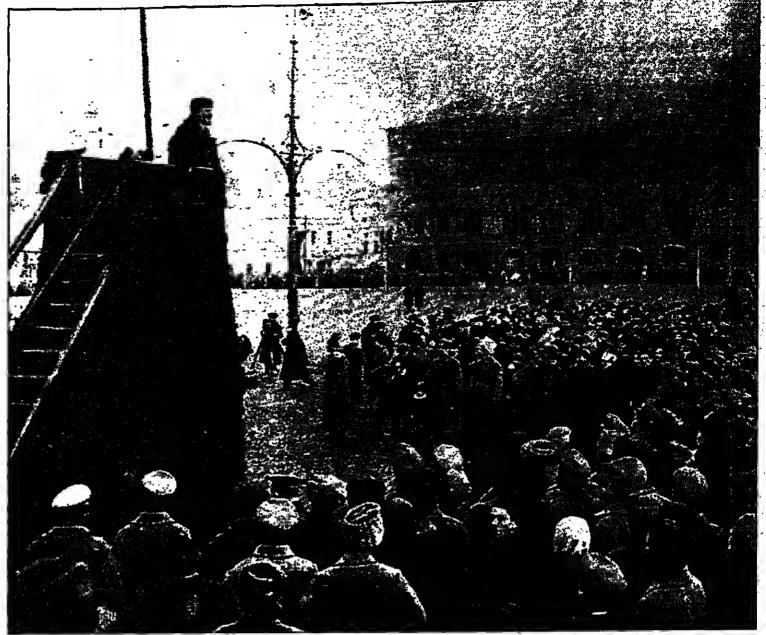
The well-preserved Lenin, Zbarsky's legacy, remains open to the public's gaze in Red Square five days a week, although the embalmer says he has not visited the body since

He says he never had faith in communism, even though he was once a party member. Only as a child did be believe Lenin was a great leader.

Infuriating Russia's dwindling band of old-time Communists, Zbarsky maintains that Lenin has spent enough time above ground and should now be buried.

"My opinion is to inter the body," he said. "It is not a tradition of Russian people, of civilized people m general, to make some relics of chiefs of the government and party." President Boris Yeltsin has spoken

in favor of burying Lenin several times in recent years, but has backed down under pressure from those who want to keep this symbol of revolution on public display.



Lenin addresses crowd at Red Square on 1917 revolution's first anniversary. Preserving his body required inventing new techniques.

Who killed Meriwether Lewis?

ATLANTA — He was Magellan in buckskin, Moses in reverse, Instead of trying to lead his flock out of the wilderness, he led them straight into it. At a time when most people seldom left their faims, he took a small band of daredevils across the vast continent, mapping the unknown and solving the mystery of America, only to become a mystery himself at the end.

For years, schoolchildren have been taught that Meriwether Lewis - head of the storied Lewis and Clark expedition — blazed a trail West at the start of the 19th century, then shot himself to death a few years later. But some experts tell a different story, one that could be historical dynamite. They say Lewis was murdered, cut down in his prime, and next week they'll ask for the chance to prove it.

At an unusual meeting here next Tuesday in the southeast regional office of the National Park Service, an impassioned group of scholars, scientists and Lewis descendants will make a case for opening the grave of America's greatest explorer, believing his dust-bound, disputed remains could solve one of history's most tantalizing riddles.

More than mere curiosity compels them. Unlike past disputes over the mortal coils of Jesse James or John Wilkes Booth, whose demises pro-

vided fodder for idle academic debates, the dispute over Lewis pits two innate perceptions of the American hero (inevitably flawed or irreproachably perfect?) and two deeply held views of America's

If the first post-Revolutionary - a national icon who seemed destined for the White House — fell victim to an assassin, rather than depression, then historians may have to recalibrate their original carbon dating on the loss of American innocence. No longer his own shame, the death of Lewis would be tacked onto the ever growing list of America's collective

Also, should it turn out that nearly 200 years of whispered suspicions about a sensational death were, in fact, well-founded, then everyone with a sinister, unorthodox slant on the deaths of John F. Kennedy or Abraham Lincoln or Vince Foster could gain new credibility.

Finally, for the 160 Lewis descendants asking that the remains be exhumed, the dispute is about nothing less than peace of mind, about laying a cherished ancestor to rest. Some insist that Lewis, who possibly attended church with his dear friend Thomas Jefferson, awaits a proper Christian burial, denied him 188 years ago because of the scandalous nature of his death.

The main reason I want the exhumation and autopsy done is I want the truth established," says William Anderson, 80, great-great grandson of Lewis' older sister, Jane. I think he was numbered. But if it was suicide, that's all right. I just want to know." Park Service officials, meanwhile, worry where it will all end. If they permit the Lewis exhumation, will someone come along next year and ask to dig up a Civil War battlefield? "This would set a terrible precedent," says Park Service spokesman Paul Winepar. "We have thousands of historical figures buried in parks throughout the country." Even without the pending Park Service meeting, Lewis already is crossing millions of minds these days, thanks to a lavish Ken Burns documentary about the 1804-1806 expedition with William Clark. The documentary, which debuted several weeks ago on public television, reminded viewers of Lewis' often forgotten feat: More heroic then Neil Armstrong, more humane than Columbus, he navigated the uncharted immensity of North America from St. Louis to the Pacific Northwest with determination and dignity. He was the first US citizen to stand atop the Continental Divide and witness the dreamscape

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ironic that no one witnessed his fatal injuries on Oct. 11, 1809.

Some things are known. At the end of his life. Lewis was under terrific stress, traveling from St. Louis to Washington for a showdown with federal bureaucrats over some questionable expense reports he'd filed as governor of the new Louisiana Territory, On Oct. 10, he stopped at a lonely outpost called Grinder's Inn. on the Natchez Trace, 72 miles southwest of Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Grinder, the proprietor, a woman whose first name seems to have vanished in the mists of time, heard strange noises that fateful night, followed by the pioneer's plaintive cries: "O madam!" Lewis called. "Give me some water, and heal my wounds." If only Grinder had opened her door, there might be no mystery. But she chose to cower in her cabin until daybreak.

The Burns documentary sticks closely to the majority opinion that Lewis shot himself twice — once in the head, once in the breast - then finished the job by carting himself

from head to foot with a razor. Ridiculous, say people like L. Ruth Frick, of Washington, Mo., an amateur historian who has spent 40 years studying Lewis.

"A man who'd killed many animals," she says, "and knew how to commit suicide painlessly, to do it in the way that's been described, doesn't make any sense." The historical version of the death is historical folderol," says James E. Statts, a law professor and forensic scientist at George Washington University and the leader of the crusade to exhume "There's no way, scientifically,

Lewis could die in the way and the time span described." Stants suggests that Lewis may have been the victim of a robbery, a likely fate for any rich-looking gent along the Natchez Trace, which seethed with bandits and robbers back then. Other historians agree, among them Richard Dillon, history professor at the University of San Francisco, who wrote a widely respected hiography of Lewis roughly 30 years

"It was an extremely dangerous place," Dillon says of the Natchez Trace. "Murder was endemic down there. He was all alone, maybe out of his head to some extent. He'd have been a great target for any kind of prowling predator or murderer. They were called land pirates, you know."

Besides stray ruffians in the area,

James Neelly, US agent to the Chickasaw nation, who accompanied Lewis on part of his journey, then oddly abandoned him the day before his death. (It was Neelly who later delivered the bad news to Jefferson.) Also, there was Lewis's servant, John Pernier, "who stole Lewis' money and horses, returned to Natchez, and was never afterwards heard of," according to a letter written sometime later by the son of

Then, of course, there was the curious Grinder, whose behavior begs explanation.

That the Burns documentary omits any mention of these possible suspects emages Starrs and his fellow dissenters. But Burns couldn't care

"I'm a narrative filmmaker," he says. "I'm telling a story.

Would you, in the middle of the climax of the story, stop and say, 'Others many years from now will think differently?' I'm supposed to give equal time to crackpot theories? I didn't do it with Huey Long, and I didn't do it with Lincoln." Should the exhumation ever be allowed. Burns won't be on hand.

"It'll interest Geraldo," he says, "but it doesn't interest me." Stephen E. Ambrose, author of the recent best seller about Lewis,

suspicion also tends to fall on Maj. Undowned Courage, which forms the basis of the Burns documentary, also dismisses out of hand the notion that Lewis met with foul

Ambrose insists the spicide scenario is the most logical. Though no one saw Lewis take his owntlife. many saw him deteriorate in the days before his death, and both his best friends never doubted what happened, based on their knowledge of his turbulent mind.

In addition to Lewis' descendants. Starrs counts among his supporters the governor of Virginia, where Lewis was born, the governor of Missouri, where Lewis and Clark launched their expedition, and the governor of Tennessee, where Lewis now lies. Another ally is Joe Baugh, district attorney general of Lewis County, Tenn., where a bizarre coroner's inquest last year found plenty of cause for doubt about Lewis' death, leading a jury to formally recommend exhumation.

"I know from having been in the district attorney's office a long time," Baugh says, "in every death there are strange circumstances. . . But this was really very strange."

Not only does the truth demand exhumation, Baugh claims, but Lewis himself would.

(Los Angeles Times)

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A short while before his arrival, Ben Gilman, chairman of the Affairs House Foreign Committee, paid a visit to Damascus. Gilman is a Holocaust survivor who is prepared to go through fire and water for Israel. Netanyahu's view are a lot closer to his heart than those of Shimon Peres. Nevertheless, when he made a stopover in Jerusalem on his way home, he said that he had found Damascus to be openminded.

Indyk will attempt to transmit a positive message to Assad about Netanyahu's willingness to renew negotiations. He will attempt to get the green light that there is room for discussion, in the form of quieting the Lebanese front Assad has already received a down payment: Syria was recently removed from the US list of nations which encourage the narcotics trade. The next payment would take Syria off the list of countries which support terror. This would be worth its weight in gold to the depleted coffers in Damascus, and it would have an even greater impact on Syria's ability to rehabilitate its army and renew its military equipment.

Netanyahu, too, enjoys toying with the idea that renewed talks with Syria will help him out of the

Palestinian quagmire. In Jerusalem and Washington, however, the prevailing view is that although Assad cannot use force as long as Israel sits on the Golan Heights, he will not agree to compromise on anything less than the borders of June 4, 1967. a compromise which means a Syrian presence on the shores of

the Kinneret and thus a threat to Israel's most important water reservoir. In the current political climate,

it would be hard to imagine anyone on the Israeli side agreeing to this. Not Labor's Ehud Barak and certainly not Netanyahu who depends on the support of the Third Way, which campaigned on retaining the Golan. Netanyahu is not in a position to be envied. He also has the National Religious Party, Tsomet, and Moledet breathing down his neck.

He has trouble concentrating

Yasser Arafat should not be envied either. Although Israeli intelligence sources say that he is not suffering from Parkinson's disease, he is extremely sick. His powers of concentration and capacity for work have declined considerably. On the 10th anniversary of the outbreak of the intifada, the Palestinians are busy debating the choice of a successor and this has weakened him in the

During a meeting last week with one of the Labor Party leaders, Arafat was seen to be gazing blankly at the ceiling for several minutes. He lost contact with those around him and his visitor, long a supporter of dialogue with him found himself in a most

embarrassing situation. On Monday, I returned to Gaza. The town is undergoing a building boom. Roads are being paved, the main streets are being widened, and grass, flowers, and trees have been planted along the main boulevards.

The price of building plots there



of the West — which is why it's so

US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk (Isac Harari)

are among the highest in the world, due to a land shortage and overpopulation. In the past, the Palestinians refused to discuss Israeli proposals for building multi-story apartment buildings on the grounds that the Jews had their eye on the land in order to establish more settlements. Today, in an effort to relieve the housing shortage, the Palestinians are building skyscrapers. A threeroom apartment in a 16-story high-rise is priced at just \$60,000. Almost within anyone's reach.

In the Fatah office in town, Fatah prepared the main gathering to mark the start of the intifada at the Jabalya refugee camp, where the first mass attack on IDF positions took place in December

All hands were busy setting up platforms, but their thoughts were on what Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin would say. Since his return to Gaza, he has delivered two key messages: He has recognized Arafat's sole right as the chosen leader of the territories; and Hamas will not negotiate a cease-fire with Israel, as everything must be dealt with via the Palestinian Authority.

A senior Fatah leader said that although Yassin's presence has not caused any significant change among the Palestinians, he has still not spoken his last words. In fact, it would appear that the PLO leadership expects that his statements to the Jews and to the West regarding Arafat's sole leadership, will now be repeated for the Palestinians to hear and that he will allow the PA to get on with making its internal peace.

In other words, the Palestinian leadership fears that Hamas can still surprise them with more terrorist attacks. An attack now is likely to have a disastrous effect on the seeds of understanding being sown between US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Arafat, Such possible attacks should also be set against the background of his anxiety and the struggle for the succession, which may result in disquiet oo the Palestinian street and freeze the

peace process. Dr. Haider Abdel-Shafi, who served as the head of the Palestinian delegation to the Madrid and Washington talks, is among Arafat's harshest critics due to the manner in which he controls the governing bodies. In vain he seeks democracy. However, he believes that Yassin will have a calming influence and that in the final analysis, the

Palestinians will make a go of it. When Palestinians are asked who they would like to see succeed Arafat, when he finally retires, most point in the direction of Abdel-Shafi, even though he is some 10 years older. They miss his integrity, and refuse to accept the fact that he is over 80. When



Syrian President Hafez Assad

asked whether he intends to run for office, be replies: "I have no intention of being a candidate. I'm worried that I'll be elected."

Meanwhile in Nablus, Louis Abado, one of those released in the Jibril exchange and later deported when the intifada broke out, is perturbed by the rising strength of the opposition, by the power of the Islamic fundamentalists in the universities. He has rejected offers to serve in the Palestinian government and persuaded Arafat that his contribution on the streets is more impor-

Last week, he was busy organizing the population census, which was fixed for the anniversary of the intifada. How many Palestinians are there, what assets and property do they own?

From the PA point of view, the very fact that the census is taking place is a sign of sovereignty. In 1967, immediately after the Six Day War, the military government carried one out in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which was placed under curfew during the survey.

Anyone who was not around did not receive an identity card and lost the right to return home. This

remained a permanent trauma. Today, the atmosphere is completely different. The census is an diustration of freedom and independence. This is the main achievement of Oslo and the intifada. People in Gaza joke about the 40,000 policemen employed by the PA: "Forty should be enough. It's just hidden unemployment. Just imagine if 40,000 policemen were to bother us every day."

Yesterday, the government har-nessed the Knesset in an unprecedented effort to pass a hill to prevent the census from taking place in Jerusalem. A demonstration of Israeli sovereignty.

Overall, the vast majority of people in east Jerusalem will refuse to participate in the census. They are worried that this will result in their Israeli ID cards being revoked - these cards grant them freedom of movement from Metulla to Eilat, the ability to work anywhere in Israel, unemployment benefits, child allowances, retirement pensions, etc. We tend to take these things for granted, but east Jerusalemites consider them privileges which make all the difference when comparing their quality of life to that of their brothers in the territories.

Leave Indyk alone

When Indyk arrives in Jerusalem he will also be involved in the Palestinian issue.

This week, President Bill Clinton authorized the reopening of the PLO office in Washington. The office had been closed since August, as Congress was not convinced that Arafat had moved strongly enough against Palestinian terror. The reopening is the carrot dangled before the Palestinians; the stick was felt at the UN, where they had hoped to be promoted to almost state sta-

Ambassador Dore Gold may take credit for two important points. After many years, the Arab hlock took a thrashing - 61 against, 57 in favor, and 32 abstentions. Israel did not have to play a duet with Micronesia this

The Palestinian stick is the carrot offered to Israel. The understanding the US has recently shown Arafat is the stick waved in our direction, and it is a lot longer. It includes Clinton's denying Netanyahu a meeting and a hard-

ening of policy toward Jerusalem. When they talk about the stick in Jerusalem, certain people in the Prime Minister's Office point their arrows at the guest due tomorrow. The media is once again signaling that Indyk is behind America's hard-line attitude. As if there is any difference between his stance and that of

Dennis Ross. Anyone who makes such a claim must be unaware of the close relationship between the two and their common outlook on

the subject of solving the conflict. Indyk is a card-carrying supporter of Israel, even if he is not among the Likud's fans. Anyone interested can check this out in Israel's defense network, where they know how to appreciate his contribution to improving our military and technological superiority and to defense cooperation. But as is true of all US Jews, indyk is first and foremost an

American.



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By Yosef Yaakov

n annual installments between 1949 and 1962 Israel's founding father set down his combination of abstract ideas and philosophical views in long articles for the Israel Government Yearbook. They represent an inspiring collection, brilliant in conception, superbly written, lucidly translated and massively comprehensive in projecting his vision of what Israel would be.

David Ben-Gurion believed deeply from the start that the State of Israel "will be judged not by its wealth or military strength, nor by its technology, but by its moral worth and human values." This towering intellectual and political giant,

whose single-minded determination resulted in close to single-handed guidance and leadership in the crucial pre-State and immediate post-State years, wrote of his vision of a resurrected nation and land. But, he warned, it was not enough just to be like other nations; Israel must make true the prophetic injunctions. It is among the few nations which have left their impress upon a large part of civilization, upon the culture of the Christian and Moslem peoples. Through untold generations, we were the only people to believe in the vision of the End of Days."

Ben-Gurion's veteran secretary, Yitzhak Navon - later Israel's fifth president - asserts that not of word of this enormous work was ghost-written or even dictated: the first premier and defense minister wrote it all out himself in longhand.

Chapter after chapter, Ben-Gurion described the staggering achievements of the early years of this reborn state. He spent weeks writing each segment. He poured out his sweeping historic and social knowledge, covering virtually all aspects of Jewish history, setting them in a world context, and bringing his story up to date through the Holocaust and the War of Independence.

From that point, he surveyed, analyzed and interpreted the events and challenges, the dangers and setbacks of each subsequent year until his retirement from the country's leadership. Only after his death were these essays assembled in book form, and only now have they been translated into English.

At the outset, he ringingly proclaimed his credo: "The State of Israel was created by the Jewish People for the sake of the Jewish People, This is its raison d'être and the condition for its survival." He believed his first task to be the implementation of the sovereignty of the Jewish people over their destiny. The crux of the Zionist revolution — a national liberation movement was, he wrote, "in one word; independence."

But, he went on, unlike the case of other national-liberation movements, the problems of Israel were not solved merely with the ouster of foreign rulers: statchood created burning needs. Ben-Gurion was deeply distressed by the "morbid". fragmentation of the political system, which intensified the rifts in Israeli society and hampered the realization of Israel's central aim.

His status-one agreement with the religious parties even before the State was established reflected his acknowledgment of Israel as a state based "Jewry" - the Holocaust.



Nation builder

on law, not Halacha. But he failed to carry out the needed wide-ranging electoral reforms, placing limits on his power of leadership, which critics and adversaries tended – and still tend – to ignore.

As for foreign and defense affairs, Ben-Gurion said a settlement with the Arabs had to follow their "despair of the prospect of preventing Eretz Yisrael from being Jewish.... If our presence in the country becomes an overwhelming fact... they

Another strategic principle was that Israel must, at all costs, avoid becoming involved in hostilities with one of the Great Powers, except when essential to defend existential, strategic or basic national interests. He was anxious to bring Israel into NATO or achieve a strategic defense pact with the US, to bolster its deterrent force and anchor recognition of its borders.

Beyond all, this nation builder and highly resourceful statesman realized the imperative of solving the dual problem of survival - of the State and of the Jewish people in the Diaspora – and of establishing Israel's status as the country for all Jews, not only for her own citizens.

Speaking of the Moslem conquest and its rapid spread, Ben-Gurion pointed out that all the peoples of the Middle East and North Africa adopted the new religion and language, some willingly, some under compulsion; only the Jewish people weathered this terrific storm.

Following the labor and farming pioneers who shaped the Yishuv at its beginning, the waves of immigration created an internal division of class and ideology, with an urban working class, a mid-

dle class and other groups. Ben-Gurion recalled the two "disasters which not even our people, long taught by suffering, could match: the isolation of Russian Jewry and the annihilation of the great part of the Jews of Europe." The Jews of Russia had revived the State by building the Yishuv and were the prop of the Zionist Movement. Then came the "hideous calamity which overtook European

Speaking of the impulsions for immigration, he pointed out that "the Jews of Iraq needed no ideology to come here," being the victims of pressure and distress. However, ideology "has had no impact on American Jews and Zionists." There will be no historic prospect for Zionism once it no longer identifies itself with moving to Israel. Three methods could maintain the unity of the Jewish people: Hebrew education; intensifying the vision of Messianic redemption; and deeper personal bonds between Diaspora Jewry and

Israel in all forms. Looking ahead, Ben-Gurion wrote of the use of atomic and solar energy, and the production of electric power with the help of the winds and the waves, and the exploitation of the plentiful natural resources of the Dead Sea; his near-obsession with peopling and developing the Negev comes to the fore clearly in his writings.

The Arabs, he wrote, have transformed more than one flourishing and populous country into a desert – but the wasteland in Arab countries is no obstacle to their existence and independence. Israel cannot long tolerate within her bounds a

desert taking up over half her territory.

Space forbids reviewing Ben-Gurion's well-known views on the War of Independence and the 1956 Sinai Campaign; but even on these subjects there are flashes of insight which are often overlooked more than a generation later.

In sum, "security must be our first concern, but we shall not survive by security alone; we must redeem the Jewish People, conquer the desert, reform our system of democracy, build a model society, raise individual standards, serve mankind, And none of these things will accomplish itself."

A dreamer? Perhaps. But also the greatest doer of this people and nation in modern times. This is not a book just to browse through: every paragraph is a kernel of knowledge and wisdom, and a reminder of what the builder of this nation yearned for, what he observed, and what we, in a later age, have witnessed and are witnessing. -

A sense of place

By Richard Eder

Ind the right spot as fulcrum for your lever, Archimedes said, and you can pry up the world. In another large prying venture - this one seeking to lever up the meaning of Europe's past and present - Jan Morris sets her fulcrum upon a bollard in the port of

Why Trieste? Because, during the centuries that it was the Mediterranean outlet for the Austro-Hungarian empire (it went to Italy only after World War I), it was a teeming resort of Germans, Italians, Slavs, Magyars, French, British and any number of others: part entrepot and part pot-an-feu. For some years the French honorary consul, also director of the Trieste Opera, bore the name and title of Baron Rafaelle Douglas de Banfield-Tripcovich.

It was, if you like - and Morris likes - the vividly lowdown precursor, writ small, of today's highminded, bland and still undefined European Community.

Why the bollard? In part because it stands on the Audace Pier, named for the warship that arrived in 1918 to raise Italy's flag. An Italian ship, of course - that is, it was built in Scotland for Japan and then, when Italy came in on the Allied side in 1916, the British turned it over to Italy, only to sink it in 1939 when Mussolini switched and came in with the Germans.

A truly European story, Morris reflects from her bollard. She had traveled all the way from her home in Wales so that she could sit upon it and site her introduction. For Morris, all writing grows out of a sense of place. Never mind cyberspace: If you are a journalist, you go

Morris has been turning out accomplished books and journalism for 50 years (formetly, before a sex change, as James Morris). It was a half-century of crisscrossing the world, particularly Europe, visiting and revisiting people, places and things, both famous and obscure. One imagines the carved owl on a Dijon wall and a particular Bucharest lamp post (both appear here) perking up at her approach. Here comes Jan again, and we are to be mentioned." The subtitle of grims, tourists and townsfolk.

FIFTY YEARS OF EUROPE by Fifty Years of Europe is "An Jan Morris, New York, Villard, 364 Album." To the degree that it is one, it is pungent and provocative. There is a suggestion that it would like to be more.

The more could be rendered by a question: Why, when all the histories, particularities, achievements and catastrophes of Europe make such a fascinating if often horrifying tapestry, do efforts to write about the post-Cold War present seem so flat? Why is a headline about the European parliament such a page-turner, and not in the book

Surely there must be a way to link the resonances of Charlemagne, the Renaissance, Goethe, Beethoven, Bismarck, Voltaire, Queen Victoria, the French paysan, the Scottish crofter and the Spanish Civil War to Europe's Common Market and suburban supermarkets. Morris doesn't manage it nor, to be fair, does she try very hard.

Most of Fifty Years of Europe is a series of brief sketches, vignettes and observations, sorted in very large and approximate thematic baskets. These may serve the convenience of the writer more than the reader. More fox than hedgehog, Morris is at her best when a theme hirks ghostlike, hainting a scene's particulars.

Some of the baskets seem to be filled by shopping lists. One, dealing with Europe's connections, includes wearisomely tiny accounts of bridges, tunnels and ferries. Others are like a basket you bring to the seashore, fill with shells and take home holding a whole ocean

The first one, "Holy Symptoms," may be the most suggestive. It is a collection of things that Europeans have cherished for belief, whether religious, magical or superstitions. We get brief glimpses of megalithic shrines and a 1,000-year-old hom dug from a Danish bog. Played on ceremonial occasions, it produces the oldest sound in Europe." Morris finds her own stones near her home in Wales (once proudly British, these days she calls herself Euro-Welsh). Their magic is more modest; they are lichen-covered and "smell like donkeys." All over Europe she finds dark bronze statnes with a gleaming brassy finger or forehead: Dublin's Cuchulain, Dresden's Bacchus, Maestro Mateo at Santiago de Compostela, kissed or touched by generations of pil-

Canterbury about toenail problems and reflects how much more potent - and milikely - it would be to have a similar conversation with the pope. For a moment - those seashells, those ghosts - we have Europe's Reformation and Counter-Reformation played out. Another ghost, the resurgence of pre-communist ways in Central Europe, attends the menu of Gundel's, Budapest's celebrated and revived pre-war restaurant: Wild Suckling Pig Soup Flavored with Tarragon, Count Szechenyi's Roast Breast of Pheasant Stuffed with Hungarian Goose Liver. Gundel's, reads an endorsement by Otto of Habsburg. "shows Hungary on the way to a glorious revival." Morris's album is drawn from 50 years of notebooks and, at times, amid considerable padding, there is the effect of notebooks emptied out. Some of the traveling she does to bring her Europe up to date seems forced. In her account of a pilgrimage up Ireland's holy Croagh Patrick mountain, there is a hint of an assigned - self-assigned, in this case - newspaper feature: Go have the experience so you can write about it. Not entirely, though.

She chars with the archbishop of

ing to believe. At the end, rather limp and disjointed, she wishes the new Europe well without concealing her unexcitement. The Palais de Berlaymont in Brussels, headquarters for the European community, carries lack of personality to the point of arrogance. She compares it regretfully to the omate and spiky fantasy she discerns, for example, in the Parliament buildings in London and Budapest.

Morris takes faith seriously; Croagh

Patrick moves her. True, for 50

years she has been traveling to

write, but she has also been travel-

For what Morris has been seeking the soul of Europe - her Triestine bollard does better than Berlaymont. It is a soul that lives in a clash of particulars, not a treaty of universals.

Also, it was on that same bollard that Morris, just out of the wartime British army in 1946, perched to attempt a very young essay entitled "Nostalgia." Nostalgia hannts her vision still but never clouds it. In its best moments, her album displays years of sharp, present observation uniquely colored and elucidated by a sense of the past.

(Los Angeles Times)

Faith and the overthrow of apartheid

THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM: South African Leaders on Religion and Politics by Charles Villa Vicencio, with a Foreword by Thomas C. Karis. University of California Press. 301 pp. Price not and Desmond Tutu to Joe Slovo,

By Dora Sowden

his is an extraordinary book. Professor Vicencio has interviewed 21 men and women who have, one way or another, played a part in the overthrow of apartheid in South Africa, and since his department at the University of Cape Town is Religion and Society Nadine Gordimer declared, "I am an

he has focused on faith in their lives. The results are often more revealing than a full-length biography could be; the subjects range from Nelson Mandela, Nadine Gordimer Bevers Naudé and the rest.

Most of them claimed to be involved with religion in their early years - President Mandela is still a man of strong Christian faith, as of course is Bishop Desmond Tutu. Of the four Jews, the late Joe Slovo chose to call himself agnostic; Franz Anerbach said be adhered to his community; Ray Alexander declared she had shed her religious belief; and

atheist." But Gordimer also stated that she had "a vocation to write." Ray Alexander, a staunch trade unionist, showed a certain hostility after an almost devout childhood, and condemned Zionism for taking the land from Palestinians - a regrettable distortion.

The ethnic variety among the 21 is also remarkable. Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of the immortal Mahatma is a devoted Hindu, Fatima Meer is Moslem, Sheena Duncan, born in South Africa of Scottish parents, is an "activist" Presbyterian, and the others vary from priests to open freedom fighters.

Not to be forgotten in this number Jerusalem in 1974.

is Archbishop Trevor Huddleston who was quietly recalled to England; but this book, Naught for your Comfort, is still worth rereading - as indeed this essay in this

book is worth reading.

For one omission, Vicencio's book has to be faulted. The name of the late Lewis Sowden is not mentioned, not in the bibliography nor even in a footnote. His Land of Afternoon, published in London and New York in 1969, was banned in South Africa for a few months, but as his passport had anyhow been withdrawn and he left to settle in Israel, there was no further fuss made. He died in

STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

Programme Commence

1. The Partner by John Grisham. Dell,

Power Plays: Politika by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg. Penguin, Berkley.

3. Lying on the Couch by Irvin D. Yalom. Harper

4. Secret Affair by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

HarperCollins. 5. SSN by Tom Clancy. HarperCollins. 6. Tycoon by Harold Robbins, Pocket.

7. Beyond Recall by Robert Goddard.

8. Jack & Jill by James Patterson. Warner, HarperCollins.

Abuse of Power by Nancy T. Rosenberg. Signet.

10. Survival of the Fittest by Jonathan Kellerman.

BOOK BYTES

Trime writer Ruth Rendell, 67, took her seat in Britain's upper chamber of Parliament. the House of Lords, in November as Baroness Rendell of Babergh. Babergh is the English town that provides the setting for many of

Rendell's whodunits. She included a polar bear in her coat of arms, designed for the occasion. It is the first time any peer ever featured a polar bear in a coat of arms. She chose the animal because it is "her favorite." The popular author, according to reports, donated £10,000 (\$16,000) to Tony Blair's election fund. She was one of 31 newly appointed Labour peers chosen by Blair to redress the imbalance of the Conservatives' majority in the House of Lords. She intends to pursue literacy and education issues in her new role.

One wonders if Rendell will now write a murder mystery set among her upper-crust colleagues who ceremonially begin their life peerages dressed in crimson robes with ermine collars.

INTREPID world traveler Michael Palin, whose newest book, Full Circle (BBC), traces his journey anti-clockwise around the Pacific Rim, arrived 10 minutes late for an interview at London's Soho House. Palin apologized profusely. It seems the man, who circled the world in 80 days and took up the challenge of journeying from pole to pole, got lost. Asked where he planned his next adventure, Palin answered, "Maybe Soho would be a good start."

THE MIRACLE STRAIN (Bantam) demonstrates once again the "miracle" of how some authors win big in the publishing industry lottery. For first-time author Michael Cordy, the fact, a rather slow and boring scavjackpot including film and foreignlanguage rights hit £15 million. "It

got silly," he commented.

One British paper cynically described the novel as "Jurassic Park meets the quest for the Holy Grail meets Raiders of the Lost Ark." The idea hit Cordy while vacationing in Tunisia in 1992 with his wife-to-be Jenny: "What if scientists could get hold of the genes of Jesus Christ?" Hooked on his project, Cordy gave up his £70,000a-year job phis car to write. "It took nine months to realize that I was writing crappy stuff." Two literary agencies, to whom he sent his early attempts, turned him down. "I don't blame them," he says, "I would have turned myself down." With Jenny's help he began to see the faults in his plot and dialogue. They "deconstructed" the book and knocked it together again. A literary agent, "a friend of a son of a friend of Cordy's mother," liked the book, took it on board and so the miracle

Cordy says of the money, "What it meant was, I could write another book! I don't want to lose that thrill of getting words on the page."

JOHN HORNER grew up in Shelby, Montana. He studied at Montana State, then returned home to work in the family sand-andgravel business. His life took an unusual turn when Princeton University hired him as a "technician." The academic environment led him to dinosaur research, a curatoratorship at the Museum of the Rockies and an honorary doc-

Homer's latest book on reptilian evolution, Dinosaur Lives (HarperCollins), explodes the myth of Tyrannosaurus rex, the fearsome monster portrayed in Jurassic Park and The Lost World. The scientific evidence indicates that Trex was, in

David Brauner

HARDCOVER **Fiction**

1. Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A Confederate soldier journeys home to meet an old love.

2. The Ghost by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$25.95.) On a trip to New England, a man finds answers to his problems in an old trunk.

3. Cat & Mouse by James Patterson. (Little, Brown \$24.95.) Alex Cross versus two serial killers.

4. Another City, Not My Own by Dominick Dunne. (Crown \$25.) The O.J. Simpson murder trial as 5. The Letter by Richard Paul Evans, (Simon & Schuster \$15.95.)

in the last volume of the "Christmas Box" trilogy, the Parkin family recovers from the loss of a daughter. 6. Violin by Ann Rice (Knopf

\$25.95.) From 19th-century Vienna to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music. 7. Commanche

Moon by Larry McMurty. (Simon & Schuster \$28.50.) Texas rangers, veterans of "Lonesome Dove," battle defant Comanches determined to 8. Survival of the Fittest by Jonathan Kellerman. (Bentam \$24.95.) Alex Delaware pursues the

killer of a diplomat's teenage 9. Lucky You by Carl Hiaasen, (Knopt \$24.) A journalist undertakes to help a woman whose winning

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HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man

2. The Man Who Listens to Horses by Monty Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer.

3. Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.

4. Citizen Soldiers by Stephen E. Ambrose, (Simon & Schuste \$27.50.) The US Army from Normandy to the Bulge to Germany's surrender.

5. The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the noreaster of 1991. 6. The Dark Side of Carnelot by

Seymour Hersh. (Little, Brown \$26.95.) A journalist's reappraisal of the private and public life of . John F. Kennedy.

7. Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.

8. Dirty Jokes and Beer by Drew Carey. (Hyperion \$22.95.) Observations on his life and life in general by the comedian. 9. Diana: Her True Story - in Her Own Words by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster \$22.95.) The 1992 bestseller, updated and

10. Conversations with Gods Book One by Neal Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) Discussion of life and love, good and evil, quit and sin.

PAPERBACK **Fiction**

1. Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Politika created by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg. (Berldey \$7.50.) in 1999, an American contends with terrorists threatening his business in Russia.

2. Wizard and Glass by Stephen King. (Plume \$17.95.) Volume 4 of The Dark Tower, a series about time 3. Total Control by David Baldacci (Warner Vision \$7.50.) A woman's efforts to find her husband reveals

the ways of big business. 4. Sole Survivor by Dean Koontz. (Ballantine \$7.99.) A reporter searches for a woman who claims to

know a secret about the plane crash that killed his family. Unfinished Symphony by V.C. Andrews. (Pocket \$7.50.) Melody Logan goes to California in quest of her missing mother and steplather.

6. A Virtuous Woman by Kaye Gibbons. (Virtage \$10.) The daughter of Carolina gentry finds love with a tenant farmer.

7. Airframe by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine \$7.99.) A young woman probes a plane's near disaster on its way from Hong Kong to Denver.

8. The List by Steve Martini. (Jove \$7.50.) A writer's scheme to get her novel on the bestseller list leads to murder and endangers her own life.

9. Say You Love Me by Johanna Lindsey. (Avon \$6.99.) In Regency England, a penniless orphan finds love after being hired as a maid.

10. Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons. (Vintage \$10.) A girl learns self-reliance growing up with wicked relatives in the backwoods South.

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PAPERBACK Non-fiction

1. Undatinted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&S \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.

2. Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes. (Broadway \$13.) A celebration of the Italian countryside by a poet.

3. Underboss by Peter Meas. (Harper Paperbacks \$6.99.) Life in the Masia as lived by Salvatore (Sammy the Bull) Gravano.

4. The Color of Water by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.

5. A Civit Action by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial polluters. 6. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A

young man's obsession with the wilderness ends tragically in

7. Girtfriends by Carmen Renee Berry and Tamara Traeder. (Wildcat Canyon \$12.95.) The ties that bind women of all ages.

8. Hanson by Jill Matthews. (Archway/Pocket \$3.99.) The story of the pop-rock group.

9. Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer. (Tarcher/Putnam \$13.95.) An Austrian mountaineer recounts his adventures in the

10. Reviving Ophelia by Mary Pipher, (Balantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.

PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

1. Don't Sweat the Small Stuff ..., and it's All Small Stuff by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.

2. Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul compiled by Jack Carifield, Mark Victor Hensen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration. 3. Chicken Soup for the Mother's

Soul compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jernifer Read Hawthorne, and Marci Shimoft. (Health Communications \$12.95.)

4. Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul compiled by Jack Cartield, et al. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.

HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

Joy of Cooking by Irma S.
Rombauer, Marion Rombauer
Becker and Ethan Becker.
(Scribner \$30.) Revision of the book first published in 1931.

2. Simple Abundance by Sarah 2. Simple Adulticance by Sarah Ban Breathnach, (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.

3. Making Faces by Kevyn Aucoin. (Little, Brown \$29.95.) Counsel about cosmetics from a makeup artist.

4. Men Are From Mars, Women from Venus by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.

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A united Jerusalem

heart of a divided Jerusalem came thundering down in June 1967, but the struggle with those who would erect new barriers in the city has never really ended. The controversy over the Palesinian Authority's intention to include the Arab residents of Jerusalem in its general census is unquestionably part of that struggle. That is why Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's directive to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to do everything in his power to prevent the census being conducted in Jerusalem is entirely justified. Virtual walls, such as those implied by the census, are as much a challenge to Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem as physical separations.

From a purely legal standpoint, the conduct of a Palestinian census in Jerusalem is also a violation of the provisions of the Oslo Accords. Jerusalem has specifically been mentioned in each of the agreements signed with the PLO since 1993 as one of the issues whose resolution is to be decided in the permanent-status negotiations. Until such time as a permanent-status agreement is reached, therefore, the status quo in Jerusalem is to be maintained. That status quo does not include PA governmental authority.

This claim is strengthened by the fact that the interim agreement delineates the borders of PA jurisdiction in Areas A and B, and restricts Palestinian governmental authority to those areas. Jerusalem is definitely outside those boundaries. It is true that Palestinians in Jerusalem were permitted by agreement to participate in the elections for the Palestinian Legislative Council two years ago. However, the provisions for this were clearly spelled out in the agreements as special one-time arrangements, and are not a precedent for further PA jurisdictional actions. The census is a PA attempt to extend its sovereignty claims in Jerusalem unilaterally in a way that prejudges the negotiations over permanent arrangements.

If there is any one issue on which it is possible to say that there is a solid Israeli consensus, it is that of maintaining the unity of Jerusalem. At first glance, it would appear that the policy of every Israeli government over the nast 30 years to implement that consensus bas been eminently successful. Demographically, there is a substantial Jewish majority in Jerusalem. The construction of Jewish neighborhoods has reached the point where there is now a Jewish majority even in eastern Jerusalem. With regard to the PA census, press reports from the last few days indicate that, in any event, the rate of participation in the census on the part of Palestinians in Jerusalem is

The ugly walls that once snaked through the very low. This is because many fear that such participation would be construed as grounds for confiscating their much-coveted Israeli identity cards, which grant them free access to Israel and to social services provided by the state.

> Nevertheless, as any visitor to Jerusalem can ascertain, there is a sense that a virtual divider still stands along the old armistice line on what is today Route No. 1. Crossing to the eastern part of town means crossing over to what feels like a different city, one in which the residents do not recognize the City Hall on Jaffa Road as being theirs. Years of neglect by the municipality of the Arab neighborhoods have caused them to look run-down and decrepit. The number of Israelis, including policemen, who regularly visit those parts of the city is almost nil, in contrast to the huge numbers who thronged there after the Six Day War. There is a sad lack of unity in Jerusalem where it counts the most, in the bearts and minds of the people who live

> This state of affairs is due in no small part to the intifada, which broke out 10 years ago this week. The intifada, unlike the other Arab uprisings which preceded it over the past century, has undeniably been the catalyst for political change in the region. It instilled a sense of activist nationalism, mixed with religious overtones, in Palestinian society. It brought Palestinian grievances about Israel's administration of the territories to center stage in international forums. The creation of the Palestinian Authority is one of its ultimate results.

> The intifada also took a heavy toll in lives and disrupted civil life. The education of an entire generation of Palestinians was stunted, and it was an economic disaster, Israelis who used to sbop in Palestinian areas were literally scared away. And the PA turned out to be a brutal, authoritarian regime.

> There are indications that the pendulum is now swinging in the other direction. Many Palestinians are weary of the sacrifices demanded by the intifada, and in general there is renewed interest in reestablishing commercial ties with Israelis, especially in Jerusalem. If Israel wants to maintain its claim of sovereignty over a united Jerusalem, it now needs to act like a sovereign. This means cleaning up and rebabilitating the run-down areas in the eastern part of the city and ensuring law and order there. If a positive enough atmosphere can be restored, Israelis might feel safe enough to visit all parts of the city again. That, more than anything else, would be the most meaningful contribution to unity that can be made.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DER SPIEGEL

Sir, - Messrs. Dan and Eisenberg's deductions on the role played by ex-ambassador Martin Indyk in the State Department may he right or wrong. I rather tend to agree with them on this part of their article.

However, to compare Der Spiegel's article on Prime Minister Netanyahu with Der Stuermer makes me feel ashamed for these two gentlemen. It is douhtful if either of them has ever

Der Spiegel quoted Prime Minister Netanyahu's own words:

libelous nonsense.

The USA are depicting me as the Saddam Hussein of the West." Der Spiegel is one of the few news magazines left in the world, reporting objectively on Israel, even if it is not always to our lik-

If and when it is not, it should

WOULD-BE DICTATOR

Sir. - Under the direction of autocrat's playground. Banking, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, our nation - potentially the most Amir Peretz called a general beautiful on earth - has become a heaping mound of garbage. strike.

Daily reports of large rodent sightings in residential areas remind us of the danger of discase and plague. Transportation, even patient-care grind senselessly io a halt. The public sector has been transformed into an democracy.

communications and essential services are unavailable because

One finds this kind of autocracy in the day-to-day functioning of our neighbors and the Palestinian Authority, but one does not expect such behavior in the Middle East's scion of

studied Der Stuermer. If they had give us cause to think. An apolothey would not have written such gy is due to Der Spiegel.

> BERNARD MOCH Tel Aviv.

While it may he legitimate to criticize the headline, The Jerusalem Post regrets the unfair and inappropriate comparison of Der Spiegel with Der Stuermer made by Uri Dan and Dennis Eisenberg ~ Ed. JP.

At the age of fifty, it is high time that the state grow up and divest itself of such dangerous anachronisms as the Histadrut and would-be dictators such as Amir Peretz.

Otherwise, as events of the last few weeks indicate, our society is threatened with anarchy.

BEZALEL SCHENDOWICH

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 11, 1932, The Palestine Post reported at length on the failed attempt carnied out by a group of individuals to stir up an insurrection in Saudi Arabia, aimed against Ibn Saud's

50 years ago: On December 11, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the UN Six-Nation Commission working on the status for a Free City of Jerusalem said that the UN would ensure the town's peace.

Two Jewish taxi drivers and a British policeman were wounded in a convoy driving to the Jewisb Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Haifa became a battlefield again with explosions of grenades and shooting coming hot and heavy. Sixteen Arabs were reported killed and about 30 wounded in the previous four days. A British soldier was killed and four Jews injured

near an Arab cafe, the Metropole. Five young Jewish men and women walking across the Negev sands near their Gvulot settlement were shot and stabbed hy Arab murderers. The Negev water-pipe was punctured while Hagana squads raided Haratia village and blew up a bouse from which

tlers four days earlier. On the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border British troops and pobce confiscated weapons beld by Hagana defenders explaining that there was no intention to turn over this section to the Hagana, but to the Britisb-controlled Jewish police.

snipers shot and killed three set-

Eighteen Arab terrorist-prisoners escaped from the Acre Central Prison while all remaining 80 Jewish prisoners had been transferred to the Jerusalem Central Prison.

Arab Legionnaires were seen training Arabs, while their units took over guard duties at Lod

Airport, replacing British troops. Over 5,000 men from all over the world, including Germans, were reported to have offered their services to the Arab League.

25 years ago: On December 11, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that the arrested members of the alleged Arab-Jewish-Syrian sabotage and espionage group bad planned to assassinate "chauvinistic" Israeli leaders with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan high on their list. Two of the group's alleged members were Ebud "Udi" Adiv, a former kibbutznik, and Dan Vered, a lonely intellectual, They were reported to belong to "Israel Socialist Organization"

established in Jerusalem in 1962. A house razed by the Romans when they overran Jerusalem in the year 70 CE was found by an archeological team in the Old City's Jewisb quarter.

Alexander Zvielli



Gil's public outing

Why has the name of Mossad agent Yehuda Gil been dragged through the gutter of public odium at this particular time? The resultant media mud-slinging, fed by self-seeking, headline-grasping politicians, has surely brought distress and shame to his wife and family.

That is the least of it. Before he retired, Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit suspected that Yehuda Gil was guilty of inventing

information from his Syrian "deep throat." Suspicions were raised after Gil returned from a meeting with his source with a blank tape, claiming the tape recorder he was given to record his meeting had not worked. Two years later, Gil was followed by a Mossad agent when he next traveled to Europe to obtain further information from the same man. The tape recording lasted a mere forty minutes, despite Gil's report that he had spoken to the

Syrian for seven hours. Challenged, he admitted that had not handed over monies which he had claimed he had given his "deep throat." Gil's downfall saddened his colleagues. He was known as a first-class operative over his many years of service. His readiness to risk his life was unquestioned. To this day, his highly secret successes

are synonymous with his name. There have been other cases in the past/where Mossad agents have kept monies given to them to pay their informants. When these instances came to light, the result loss of all pension and other rights. There is no excuse for such dereliction of duty, but it is a problem found in intelligence services the world over

What astonished many in the intelligence community was the way Danny Yatom suddenly brought into the open the whole matter of Gil's assessment that Syria's President Assad was preparing for war. After all, had not the tyrant of Daniascus sworn to wipe out the Jewish' state? Why else has he created a vast military force, including the building of one of the biggest chemical weapons factories in the world? Why are so many of his tanks sited not far from the

URI DAN **DENNIS EISENBERG**

Golan Heights? Why else does he maintain some of his crack divisions on Israel's northern border and is spending a fortune buying missiles to reach every corner of Israel?

Minister of Defense Yitzhak Mordechai has joined the fray, aided by army intelligence, declaring that his officers never paid much attention to Mossad information, preferring to trust its own sources. Just in case one missed the point, Mordechai let it be known

Mossad head Danny Yatom is attempting to use Gil as a scapegoat to save his own skin

that the military did not take decisions based on a duplicitous source. True, a rivalry exists between army intelligence and the Mossad, as it does in other countries between different security branches. Even so, Mordechai's memory is playing him tricks. Has he forgotten the devastating blunder by the chief of army intelligence prior to the 1973 Yom Kippur War? This officer declared the Arabs would not dare attack Israel. The no-war scenario was contradicted by over 400 reports made by Mossad agents warned or a joint egyl Syrian invasion.

Mordechai will surely recall how the "peaceful" Syrian tanks swept down from the Golan Heights in a skin. To put it mildly, this a less than bid to seize the Galilee. Perhaps he honorable mode of conduct by a down from the Golan Heights in a should use a little more restraint today when be uses the word "duplicitous."

Ha'aretz in turn pitches in with its headline: "Agent's lies nearly caused two wars." Other press reports claim that Gil's war-mongering persuaded Yitzhak Rabin not to seek peace with Assad, but instead to do so with Arafat. Can any one really believe that Israel or any other country would go to war on the word of only one agent without checking elsewhere?

IN reality, neither Rabin nor Peres took any notice of the Syrian war threat, at least in this period. They were quite ready to hand back the entire Golan Heights without President Assad firing back a single bullet. Why should Assad go to war when he was being presented with what he wanted on plate? In this instance Mordechai was correct. Under the circumstances, there was no war threat at the time.

Politicians with an ax to grind also leapt maliciously into the affair: Labor MK Binyamin Ben-Ehezer said: "I have difficulty in sleeping at night, knowing that false information was given by a man with ideological-political considerations." This smearing of Gil as a provocateur is based on the thesis is that he is a right-wing fananc. If Ben-Eliezer has such a delicate conscience, we wonder how many sleepless nights he spends thinking about the "ideological-political" provocations of GSS agent Avishai Raviv, who this day is as free as a

bird despite egging on Yigal Amir

into assassinating Rabin. We return to our opening ques-tion: Why is Gil being hung on the gallows of public attention? The answer is clear. Danny Yatom. is praised in the media for revealing Gil's plunge into disgrace. It is an attempt to show the dreadful mess the Mossad finds itself in foday. And that he is the man to come its ills cure its ills.

Clearly, Yatom is fearful of being damaged by the findings of the inquiry into October's Khaled leaks and through the mouths of friends. Yatom is attempting to use Gil as a scapegoat to save his own man who has illusions of being the ideal chief of the country's major intelligence service.

We recently called upon Yatom to resign. His present maneuvering makes this an even more imperative move on his part - for the sake of the future of the Mossad. He should let an experienced and professional intelligence expert take over this vital role.

The writers are Jerusalem Post columnists.

LARRY DERFNER fter this last strike by the Histadrut, all the PR men; political consultants and image-polishers ought to go

Minority

rule

everyone else a lesson in what constitutes power and what does-The Histadrut is one of the most hated institutions in Israel. The public was against the strike, according to a weekend Ma'ariv poll, by a 2-1 margin. Nobody understood what the union's pen-sion grievance was about. Did it

bome. They turned out to be use-

less. The strikers gave them and

matter? And it wasn't just the public that opposed the Histadrut. The prime minister, the finance minister, the whole government wanted to crush it (while the Labor Party hasically stood back and watched). The court "ordered" the union back to work. The attorneygeneral wanted to prosecute

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Histadrut leader Amir Peretz. President Weizman leaned all his weight on Peretz to call off the strike, and, in their private talks, probably smacked him on the head a couple of times.

It counted for nothing. The Histadrut fought a hugely unpopular fight against the whole coun-

try, and won it in five days.
Why? Because the workers had blood in their eyes. Because they were willing to suffer and cause suffering, to holler, to rumble, to burn, to incur people's contempt.
Because they believed totally in their cause, and were ready to take large risks, to go all the way,

What does this tell us about the importance of public opinion, of building consensus agreement, of winning friends and influencing

people?
This is what bourgeols society believes in. To the prudent mind of the middle-class, this is what runs the sbow. They even teach their children this wisdom.

But they're wrong. Bourgeois society craves order. It bates dis-

Maybe power rightfully belongs to those willing to exect themselves for their beliefs

fort. It doesn't care too much about right and wrong, isn't too interested in politics, and above all isn't prepared to put itself out for a fight.

So when true believers, even a minority, even if they're terribly unpopular, get worked up to where they're ready to take pain in order to cause more pain, to disrupt public life, and to escalate their disruptions until they get their way, then bourgeois society is fairly helpless. It becomes only a matter of time until society's caretakers - "the establishment" surrenders.

THE Histadrut strike wasn't the only evidence of this. Look at the baredim.

Ebud Barak is now saying that if he gets elected, he'll draft yeshiva students into the army. What a popular, vote-getting idea! I'd like to see him try to do it. The haredim would make boly war in this country. Barak would bave to order a general call-up to have enough armed men on the streets to cope with the riots.

What would he do - arrest 300.000 haredim? Forget it. Israeli society doesn't have nearly the heart for this kind of fight. The yeshiva boys are staying right where they are, no matter who runs the government. So it may be, I'm afraid, with

Gush Emunim settlers. The power of this ideologically enflamed minority is, to my mind, the worst obstacle we have to making peace with the Palestinians, even worse than the dispute over Jerusalem.

There are about 30,000 radical settlers living in outposts sur-rounded by Palestinians throughout the heart of the West Bank. I don't see how we can make peace as long as they stay put, and l think a majority of Israelis might, in theory at least, be in favor of moving them out if the time came.

But in practice, what would the consequences be? Most likely a violent rebellion. Is Israeli society up for that? Not even close. You go figure out a successful end to the peace process; I can't.

It doesn't seem right that striking workers, draft-dodging haredim and extremist settlers should be able to thwart the will of the majority, does it? But maybe power rightfully belongs to those willing to exert themselves for their beliefs. Mnybe a flaccid, malleable society doesn't deserve to get its way.

Whatever it is bourgeois society loves, it could well be that Justice loves passion more than it does public opinion.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist

In contempt of court

the abrupt end of the general strike is viewed as a triumph for Amir Peretz and the Histadrut and a defeat for Yaakov Neeman and the Finance Ministry. Little attention is paid to the rule of law. It was the greatest loser. Anomey-General Ely

Elyakim Rubinstein briefly entered the arena to declare, entirely correctly, that the Histadrut's decision to defy a labor court order had brought Israel to the verge of anarchy. Bending to the public clamor to end the strike, the labor court swallowed its pride. It chose not to uphold its own decree and invited Peretz, who had flouted the earlier court orders, to negoriate under its aegis with the Finance Ministry. This was a short-sighted capitulation to immediate needs.

In typical Israeli style, the country has hirched through a tumultuous crisis and it will now accept the restoration of the daily routine without learning any lessons. The work stoppage, its enormous cost, and its gross disruptions and inconveniences will be written off as the cost of giving in to a vigorous labor constituency. The court orders prohibiting the Histadrut from calling a strike will be quickly forgotten and

end up in the trashbin of history. That will be a great tragedy and an invitation to repeated incidents of this kind. Bad enough that visitors to Israel and residents of the country refer wryly to the unpredictability of frequent labor stoppages. Israel's detractors will cite these recent events as proof that it is truly a banana republic, in which the elected government and the courts are powerless to prevent unlawful conduct that can grind the nation's economy to a halt.

WHEN the United States was faced with n similar challenge fifty years ago, the Supreme Court forcefully repudiated the shenanigans of an

NATHAN LEWIN

American counterpart of Amir Peretz. The president of the United Mine Workers of America, a fiery beetle-browed labor leader named John L. Lewis, made a career of defying the federal government and the courts. Coal-mining was an essential industry in post-World War II America, and Lewis's militant wage and pension demands, backed up by frequent walk-outs,

Israel's detractors will cite the recent general strike and the Histadrut's flouting of court orders as proof that it is truly a banana republic

threatened to disrupt the economic transition from war to peace. President Harry Truman ordered the federal government to take over America's coal mines in May 1946. This led to the signing of a labor contract between Lewis and the secretary of the interior.

Lewis unilaterally terminated the contract five months later and demanded better terms for his union members. The government claimed the agreement was still in effect but agreed to negotiate. In order to strengthen his hands in the new talks, Lewis called a national strike. The government went to court to prevent the strike and, without notifying Lewis or giving him an opportunity to be heard, a district judge issued an order prohibiting the strike for a period of 10 days. Lewis ignored the order and struck.

The government did not negotiate with Lewis. It went to court to seek civil and criminal contempt remedies against Lewis and his union. After a brief trial, the defendants were found guilty. Lewis was fined \$10,000 and the union was fined \$3.5 million - enormous sums in those days. The district court again prohibited the strike.

Lewis's lawyers appealed the fines, but the government's lawyers leapfrogged the Court of Appeals and sought to bring the case immediately before the Supreme Court. The final result was a landmark decision vindicating the authority of the rule of law in a civilized, lawabiding society.

It is an accepted proposition of American law that an order issued by a court with jurisdiction over the subject matter and person must be obeyed by the parties until it is reversed by orderly and proper pro-ceedings." Lewis and his union were heavily fined for their disregard of the court order. Even Justice Felix Frankfurter, who agreed with Lewis's ultimate legal argument that the district court had no power to issue the injunction, said that in "a government of laws and not of men" an order of a court may not "be disobeyed and treated as though it was a letter to a newspaper."

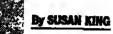
Frankfurter's warning could be applied to Peretz and to Israel's judicial system: There can be no free society without law administered through an independent judiciary. If one man can be allowed to determine for himself what is law, every one can. That means first chaos, then tyranny."

The writer is a Washington lawyer who teaches at Columbia Law School and is former president of the American Section of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurisis.

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How would you direct Oscar night?

Showbiz producers suggest alternative ways to present the **Academy Awards**



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the producer of the 70th annual Academy Awards is due to be named any day and the rumored favorite is Gilbert Cates, who has manded the three-hour-plus ganza for seven of the last eight years - and won an Emmy Award for the 1991 show.

As always, whoever gets the job is in for a lot of hard work - and a Tuesday morning quarter-

an estimated one billion around the world reportedly love to watch the Oscar cast each year, a huge chunk of that andience

also loves to gripe about it. The Academy didn't ask for any twice but in the spirit of holiday

Los Angeles Times asked teran producers how they would put on the Oscar show. One thing nearly all agreed: They would solicit advice from Cates, that most expert of Oscar producers. That

re is what they say: Cossette, longtime pro-tile Grading Awards and construction of the Person of the cals The Will Rogers Follies and the currently running The Scarlet Pimpernel: ...

T would move the Oscars to n Square Garden in New sity. Movieland was New first and then it was Henrywood. It would be a shot heard around the world. We would have 16,000 screaming fans and when the stars talked, you would be ble to bear a pin drop. It's the comions center of the world, would be the biggest Oscar cale biffion in history. It would be the same general

kind of show. The set would be every bit as beautiful, if not more beautiful. I did this last year with Awards. Of course Oscars, they would take mark the nature of the beast.

"If I did a theme, I would base it on a granddaddy theme. New York is the granddaddy of music, vaudeville concerts, radio, motion picriting, television and publishing. It's where it all started.

will be a lot of motion picture people who will faint when they read this. 'How can you take it out of Hollywood?' Doing this from New York would be a very, very strong idea and code would have to unsell me that is exactly what I

Gary L. Pudney, producer of The World Music Awards and a former senior vice-president in charge of specials at ABC:

The public is interested more than anything in the stars, so the more stars the better. I would try to encompass ways to get more star power up on that stage. I would try to have a reunion of past Oscar winners so that you would do a parade of stars.

"The arrival ceremony of the

stars is something that could be elongated slightly. You can't get enough of that kind of thing.

"I'd double up on presenters. The gimmick there is that it gives you two or three more stars on stage. I don't think viewers are as interested in what movie won as in the stars making these presenta-

"I would try to retain Billy Crystal as host. Billy is terrific. When I was at ABC, one of the things I was most proud of was that I persuaded Johnny Carson to bost the Oscars. Here is a guy who reacts incredibly on his feet to anything that happens. Billy is the

"I think the non-production musical numbers work better. You would certainly highlight the nominated songs. I would like to have major vocalists perform the songs, like Celine Dion and Whitney Houston; and if the songs warranted it, I would ask Luciano

"A theme always helps with the formation of the show. Let's face it, the theme of the show is the movies. Clips are wonderful.

I would certainly prefer, if I went doing it, to have it in the II os Angeles Music Center, as opposed to the Shrine. I think it's a more elegant center. I'm not so sure it wouldn't be an interesting idea to have a live satellite feed from New York, too. There are always Oscar parties and Oscar functions in New York. It would be interesting to give it a little texture."

George Schlatter, producer of The American Comedy Awards and of the series Laugh-In and The 25th Anniversary of the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon:

"I think if somebody put the Oscars in my lap, the first thing I'd do is hire Gil Cates to produce and then I'd try to convince Billy Crystal to bost it and then I'd hire writers Hal Kanter and Buz Kohan and Bruce Vilanch and I'd give them a chance to do what they

could do. "The problem is, unless the Oscars change the structure, it will stay as it is - and it should. The big dilemma would be: Is this a television show or an industry event being televised? As it is, it's being broadcast on television. If you did it as a television event. it would still celebrate the Academy Awards but it would be written, paced staged and presented more

for television. "I'm not sure they should, though, because I'm a big fan of the Oscars. I enjoy it and I realize that a huge group of very talented, intelligent, passionate people work very, very well, and maybe it ought to be left alone.

But if they were going to change it, I would reduce the amount of honorary awards and cut a lot of the longer speeches.

There are only four actor awards, so I think I would add some awards to that. I would definitely add a comedy award. I think if there is a flaw in the Academy



Awards, it's that their devotion to comedy ends as soon as they set the host.

"I think the arrivals are wonderful and I would allow more time for that. I would do more backstage activity.

"If they put some of the technical awards on the night before, you would allow more room for the backstage activity, more room for on-stage accidents to happen - like

when Billy Crystal introduced Mack Sennett and the sound didn't work, he took the time to say, 'He's been working in silence for years."

David L. Wolper, producer of

the opening and closing cere-monies of the 1984 Olympic Games and of the 1986 Liberty Weekend. Executive producer of the miniseries Roots, The Thorn Birds and North & South

"I was offered it at one time. 1

did the Olympics and Liberty Weekend and that was enough. If I was offered it again, I probably would not accept it. Not that I don't respect the Academy, but it's a tough task. It's a thankless job. You donate your time and everybody picks on you.

"The fellow who is doing it now, Gil Cates, is doing a very good job. It's distinguished."

(Los Angeles Times)

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Television

If you like being depressed, then you'll love Sophie's Choice. If Meryl Streep's Oscar-winning,

multilingual leading role doesn't

rip your heart out then you and the

Tin Man have more in common

than you'd thought. Alan Pakula's

production airs tonight at 9:15 on

If nasty parodies of the culture

Karni performs tonight at the Satchmo Jazz Bar in the Dan by Hillel Halkin

a passionate description of wby one should make aliya. The anthor stresses that for a Jew to understand Jewish history, he or she must come to Israel. I don't agree with everything he says, but I fully agree with his main premise: Jews

3. 1984 by George Orwell
"I read it in high school - in Flemish! I was so taken by the power of 'Big Brother.' It is a very scary book, which I read in one day. I was amazed at how someone could describe the way a govemment can have such control. I've used it as an example to describe the situation in Israel, until quite recently. And it was

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Booze in the 'hood

Standing outside Nahlaot's new and only pub, a sign seads. Don't make noise.

There's another reason to keep your voice down.

Hidden away histing a wandow draped with thick, dark curiains, Rosa's remains one of Jerusalem's best guarded secrets. And it's clear why. Those who have had the pleasure of unwinding in this cozy, aesthetic bar will undoubtedly want to keep this treasure all to themselves—and a few close friends, of course.

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So remember, you didn't hear it from me.

Rosa's is located on a smell street branching cust of the Mishingh Yelside market. Ostate the middle mane is Rosa's and period opened the establishment stear a month and a half ago. They can be found nightly behind the tain pouring drinks and greeting customers adds complimentary snacks.

Rosa's opened to the heets of Rail's, a new coffee shop located near Begatel Street Rail's patied the first breaths of life back into the heighborhood at strophying scene, and now Nahlaof his its very own pub as seed. "People in this neighborhood were looking for a local tar. We wanted to open something different. Away from the bars and clubs open something different. Away from the bars and clubs The place is small and intimate. The decor sets Rosa's

spart from any bar I've been to in the city. An eclectic mix of styles - which Osnat, working with an architect,

apart from any bar I've been to in the city. An eclectic mix of styles — which Osnat, working with an architect, dreamed up on her own—seems to effortlessly marge together, adding up to one attractive, fluidy whole. The walls are pointed in warm shades of yellow and blue. On one wall, an image of three, Remaissance women is imposed upon textured splashes of blue. The lighting is soft—single imaged fixtures dangle from the ceiling as does a large from electric light candelabra. The Armenian-file floor lends a certain feeling unique to Jerusalem, and perhaps Nahlaot itself. One slide, which changes nightly, is projected on the wall behind the bar. Why? Because I love photographs, says Osnat.

Rosa's offers a small ment of light Middle Eastern fare. Some of the terms are ful for NIS 5; labane, NIS 15, and strifed vine leaves, NIS 1.

The drink selection is, in a word impressive. Shelves aristically constructed into and on the walls showcase a wide vapery of imponent labels. I&B, Jameson's, Yeapernelson and Remy Martin to tame a few. The ment has a complete.

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Political activist Nadia Matar talks about her favorite books

Tadia Matar, born in Antwerp 31 years ago, lives in Efrat with her busband, David, and their four children. A naturalborn Zionist, her mother quips that little Nadia said "Israel" before she said "Mama" or "Dada." She is cochair, with her mother-in-law, Ruth Matar, of Women in Green, whose goal is to fight the Oslo agreements. Comprised of women from all walks of life and all streams of Judaism, they stage peaceful demonstrations to say No to the Green Line (pre-1967 borders) and Yes to the green land "that is our birthright." Officialy named Women for Israel's Tomorrow, they were dubbed "Women in Green" by journalists because of the green

hats they wear. Matar's favorite books reflect the concerns to which she's dedicated her life.

"This is a great treasure. A never-ending source of inspiration, it reveals the roots of Jewish history and is an excellent book on psychology from which you can earn about interpersonal relationships. It offers great insight into ethics and morality. We teach our children from it. You can always fit the Tanach into matters of daily life or current events."

2. Letters to an American Friend

"I read this in my early 20s. It is belong in Israel."

when I was involved in demonstrations for Soviet refuseniks."

4. From Time Immemorial: The Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict over Israel by Joan

"This was written, interestingly enough, in 1984. The author is a non-Jew who came to Israel to prove that the land belongs to the Palestinians. After seven years of research, she discovered that the land belongs to the Jewish people. She shows that the Arabs displaced the Jews in Palestine. It is packed with details, maps, and fascinating historical data. The fact that it was written by a non-Jew gives it all the more credibility. I would recommend that it be included in the school curriculum, for both Jews and Arabs. A lot of our youth can't participate in a debate about our land because they don't know the facts."



5. A Place Among the Nations by

Binyamin Netanyahu "Netanyahn once said, 'If you want to know who I am, read this book.' So I read the book. He talks about our historical right to this land. The major guideline is that we cannot allow terror to influence our decisions. The Arab nations will respect us when we finally respect ourselves as Jews and be proud of our Jewish heritage. I wish our PM the strength to stick to what he wrote. I am often tempted to send him a copy

to refresh his memory." - Ruth Beloff-Begun

By KAREN SULKIS

Tel Aviv Area

The Benni Tal Quartet, with saxophonist Tal, keyboard player Tal Hepter, bass guitarist Tom Mossit and drummer Yigal Baram perform jazz jams tonight in an intimate setting. Music starts at 10:30 at Kossit. 5 Rabin Square. Call 522-3244.

Take a trip to the big crater near Dimona with the Green Group. In conjunction with the Ecological Association of Israel, the social group is organizing an all-day trek that starts bright and early Saturday morning. Call 604-3307, (051) 988379 or (052) 310714.

The English-Speaking Residents Association hosts a meeting of its widowed persons social group.
The get-together starts tonight at 7
at Cafe Traklin, Beit Hasofer, 6 Kaplan Street. Call 643-6034. Following the meeting, but

open to the public, is a jazz concert with singer Bar Gendelman, guitarist Shai Chen, bassist Uri Shamir and percussionist Ohad Lustigman. The music starts at 10. Also at Traklin, in Beit Hasofer, 6 Kaplan. Call 691-

Recycling is the theme of a musical program tonight at the Tel

Aviv Culture Center, located high atop the Gan Ha'ir shopping complex. The show starts at 9. The Kibbutz Contemporary

Dance Company performs Rami Be'er's Memorandum, tonight at 9 in the Suzanne Dellal Center.

Jerusalem

Got a thing for amateur comedians? Are you under 35 but old enough to drive? Then tonight's comedy coffeehouse program at Mercaz Hamagshimim community center should make you smile. The fun starts at 9, and your bargain entry fee (NIS 20 or less) gets you food and drinks too. At 7A Rehov Dor V'Dorshav in the German Colony. Call 561-9233.

Musicians from abroad (thank you, Amir Peretz) join local artists for a Mediterranean program.

Tonight at 9 at the Jerusalem Theater. The Center for Conservative

Judaism is hosting an art history course this morning, beginning at 10:45. Maxine Blendis presents Dreamers of Jerusalem, in celebration of the nation's 50th anniversary. 2-4 Agron Street. Call 625-6386

X-Bit performs jazz for a lazy Friday afternoon. Tomorrow from 2:30 to 4 at the Lev Smadar Theater, Call 561-8168.

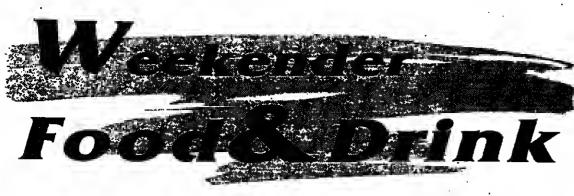
And Points Beyond

Haifa's renowned Arab Theater performs Nobel laureate Dario Fo's absurdist The Accidental Death of an Anarchist. Tonight at S:30 at Haifa's Stage Two.

For all those who decided to take their vacations in this country - or who couldn't get out - Miki

of celebrity are more up your alley, then don't miss To Die For tonight at 10:04 or Channel 2. Nicole Kidman - yes, Nicole Kidman - works wonders with Buck Henry's deliciously vicious script, and Matt Dillon gets his. until quite recently. And it was Who could ask for anything more? always at the back of my mind

Channel 3 (33).



The gift of chocolate

These rich chocolate desserts will receive top scores. But don't just take our word for it. We provide testimony from an admitted chocoholic.

By GREG PATENT and MARGE PERRY

there are all kinds of chocolate delicacies, from homemade goodies brought in to share at the office to fancy desserts served at parties. But some of it, well, let's just be polite, I could do without. To me, milk chocolate is like a glass of fine Bordeaux cut with a jigger of water - what's the point? Hey, if I want milk with my chocolate, I'll drink it, thank you very much.

Every precious bite of chocolate should permeate my senses, curl my toes, overwhelm me with its chocolaty-ness. Give me deep, rich chocolate - no wimpy milk stuff for me. 1 want my chocolate good enough to dic for, but I also

want to stay healthy and fit.
Big problem? I thought so until I made a batch of fudgy chocolate brownies. They have the intense semisweet-chocolate flavor I love - no gummy fake-fat texture, no watered-down light chocolate flavor. This is the real thing: big flayor for chocolate lovers like me. But it's also for the fat-wary, calorie-conscious me who knows the effects traditional brownies have on my ability to zip my dress.

The brownies get a lot of their full chocolate flavor from Dutchprocess cocoa, which (like cocoa in general) has far less fat and fewer calories than baking and eating chocolate. Dutch-process cocoa is treated with alkali to nentralize its acidity, intensifying the chocolate flavor and color with a fraction of the fat and calories. (You can substitute regular or American cocca, but it tends to have a slightly bitter aftertaste and a lighter, henna-like color). Most a little semisweet or bittersweet chocolate to achieve the desired texture and deepen the chocolate flavor.

Cocoa gives our easy fudge iayer cake a roasted sable-brown color. This elegant cake is an ideal ending for a formal dinner. And no one has to know that you simply dump the ingredients in the mixer, pour the batter into cake pans and let it all bake for a half-hour.

Our double-chocolate cream tart may be low in fat and calories, but there's nothing light about the flavor - or the passion you'll experience when the first forkful of dense, pudding-like chocolate and smooth cream topping hits your palate. Yet with only 266 calories a serving, it's a sin you can indulge in guilt-free. The key to the filling is the combination of fat-free sweetened condensed milk and light cream cheese with

the cocoa. The devilish indulgences following are for devoted chocolate lovers only. But partake with abandon: your little nutrition angel within will be delighted.

DOUBLE-CHOCOLATE CREAM TART

1 cup all-purpose flour, divided 1/4 cup ice water 1 Tosp. vanilla extract, divided

3/4 cup Dutch-process or unsweetened cocoa, divided 2 Tbsp. sugar

1/4 tsp. salt // cup vegetable shortening cooking spray 420 gr. canned fat-free sweetened

condensed milk 180 gr. low-fat cream cheese (about 2/2 cup), softened

1 large egg white 1:/2 cups frozen reduced-calorie whipped topping, thawed

30 gr. semisweet chocolate, finely chopped

Preheat oven to 175°. Combine 1/2 cup flour, ice water and 1 tsp. vanilla, stirring with a whisk until well-blended; set aside. Combine 2/4 cup flour, 1/4 cup cocoa, sugar and salt in a bowl; cut in shortening with a pas-try blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add ice water mixture; toss with a fork until moist and crumbly (do not

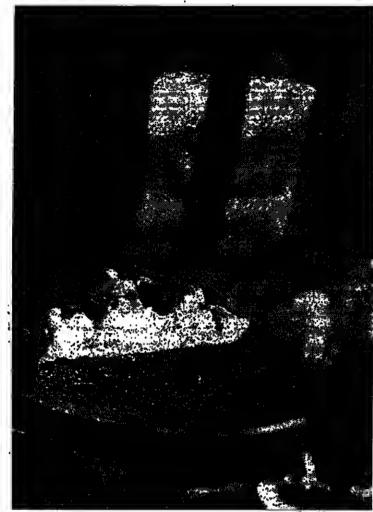
form a ball). Gently press mixture into a 10cm. circle on heavy-duty plastic wrap; cover with additional plastic wrap. Roll dough, still covered, into a 33-cm, circle. Place dough in freezer 30 minutes or until plastic wrap can be easily removed.

Remove top sheet of plastic wrap; fit dough, uncovered side down, into a 25-cm. round removable-bottom tart pan coated with cooking spray. Remove remaining sheet of plastic wrap. Fold edges under, flute.

Pierce bottom and sides of dough with a fork and bake at for 4 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Place tart pan on a baking sheet: set aside.

white mixture into chocolate mixture; repeat procedure with remaining egg white mixture, one quarter at a time. Spoon into prepared pan. Bake at 150° for I hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out almost clean.

Cool completely on wire rack. Remove sides from pan and sift powdered sugar over cake. Garnish with raspberries and chocolate curls, if desired. (Serves 12.)



Beat remaining cocoa and milk at medium speed of a mixer until blended. Add cheese and beat well. Add remaining vanilla, egg and cgg white; beat just until smooth. Pour mixture into crust; bake at 175° for 25 minutes or until set. (Do not overbake.) Cool

completely on a wire rack. Spread whipped topping over tart and sprinkle with chopped chocolate. (Serves 12.)

DARK-CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE CAKE Cake flour is a fine-textured, soft wheat flour with a high starch content. 1/4 cup all-purpose flour may be used in place of 1/3 cup cake flour.

cooking spray 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar

1/4 cup water 1 Tbsp. instant espresso or 2 Tosp. instant coffee granules 2/2 cup Dutch-process or unsweetened cocoa

1/4 tsp. salt 60 gr. semisweet chocolate, chapped 60 gr. unswectened chocolate,

chopped 2 Tosp. Kahlua (coffee-flavored liqueur) 3 large egg yolks
1/2 cup sifted cake flour

6 large egg whites (at room temperature) 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar

4) cup granulated sugar 1 Tosp. powdered sugar 1/4 cup raspberries (optional) chocolate curls (optional)

Preheat oven to 150°. Coat bottom of a 23 cm. springform pan with cooking spray. Set

Combine 1/2 cup granulated sugar, brown sugar, water and espresso in a large saucepan; stir well and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add cocoa, salt and chocolates, stirring with a whisk until chocolate melts. Stir in Kahlua and egg yolks. Stir in flour and cool to room temperature. Set

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar at high speed of a mixer until foamy. Add //2 cup granulated sugar, a tablespoon at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. Gently fold one quarter of egg-

EASY FUDGE LAYER CAKE This recipe holds true to its name: It is super-easy to make.

cooking spray 144 cups all-purpose flour 14 cups skim milk √s cup granulated sugar 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar 1/2 cup Dutch-process or unsweetened cocoa // cup vegetable shortening l tsp. baking powder l tsp. baking soda . 2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/2 tsp. salt 3 large eggs chocolate-cream cheese frosting

Preheat oven to 175°. Coat two 20-cm. round cake pans with cooking spray and then line bottoms of pans with wax paper. Coat wax paper with cooking spray and set pans aside. Combine flour and other ingre-

dients - except for frosting - in a large bowl; beat at low speed of a mixer 30 seconds or until ingredients are moist. Beat mixture at medium speed 2 minutes or until

Pour batter into prepared pans. Sharply tap pans once on the counter to remove air bubbles. Bake at 175° for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool in pans 5 minutes on a wire rack. Loosen layers from sides of pans using a parrow metal spatula and turn out onto wire racks. Peel off wax paper and cool completely.

Place 1 cake layer on a plate and spread with 1/2 cup chocolatecream cheese frosting. Top with remaining cake layer, spread remaining frosting on sides and top of cake. Cover and chill at

CHOCOLATE-CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

least 1 hour. (Serves 18.)

125 gr. low-fat cream cheese 2 Tbsp. margarine, softened 3 Tosp. skim milk 3/2 cups sifted powdered sugar 3/4 cup Dutch-process or unsweetened cocoa 1/s tsp. salt

i tsp. vaniila extract Beat first 3 ingredients in a large bowl at high speed of a mixer until smooth.' Combine sugar, cocoa and salt. Gradually add sugar mixture to cheese mixture, beating at low speed until well-blended. Add vanilla and beat well. Cover and chill. (Makes 144 cups.)

CHOCOLATE SOUFFLES WITH WHITE CHOCOLATE-RUM SAUCE

butter-flavored cooking spray 2 Tbsp. sugar 1½ cups skim milk 2/4 cup sugar 2/3 cup Dutch process or

weetened cocoa 3 Tosp. all-purpose flour 1/4 tsp. salt 30 gr. semisweet chocolate 3 large egg yolks 6 large egg whites 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar

100 gr. bar premium white chocolate, chopped 2 Tosp. skim milk 1 Tosp. white rum

/s cup sugar

Preheat oven to 205°. Coat 8 ramekins with cooking spray and sprinkle with 2 Tosp. sugar. Place on a baking sheet; set

Combine 11/2 cups milk, 1/2 cup sugar, cocoa, flour and salt in a large saucepan. Cook 5 minutes over medium-high heat, stirring constantly with a whisk until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Cook an additional 30 seconds, stirring, constantly. Remove from heat and add semisweet chocolate, stirring until melted.

Gradually add chocolate mixture to egg yolks, stirring well. Return mixture to pan. Cook 2 minutes over medium heat, stirring constantly. Spoon mixture into a large bowl; cool to room temperature,

stirring occasionally.

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar at high speed of a mixer until foamy. Add //2 cup sugar, a tablespoon at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. Gently fold one quarter of egg white mixture into chocolate mixture. Gently fold in remaining egg white mixture.

Spoon batter evenly into prepared ramekins. Bake souffles at 205° for 20 minutes or until puffy Combine white chocolate and 2 Tosp. milk in a small saucepan;

melts. Remove from heat; stir in Cut into each souffle with a spoon; pour 1 Tbsp. sauce over each souffle. Serve immediately.

cook over low heat until chocolate

BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE PUDDING

(Serves 8.)

31/2 cups skim milk, divided 1 cup Dutch process or unsweetened cocoa 3 Tbsp. comstarch 1/4 tsp. salt 1 cup sugar l large egg, lightly beaten

60 gr. bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped 1 Tosp. vanilla extract

Combine 1 cup milk, cocoa, cornstarch and salt in a large bowl. Stir well with a whisk. Set aside. Cook 21/2 cups milk in a large, heavy saucepan over mediumhigh heat until tiny bubbles form around edge (do not boil). Remove milk from heat; stir in sugar with a whisk until sugar dissolves. Add cocoa mixture to pan. stirring until blended. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly.

Combine egg and egg yolk in a bowl, stirring well with a whisk. Gradually add milk mixture to egg mixture, stirring constantly. Return mixture to pan. Cook over medium heat until thick, about 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir in chocolate and vanilla. Stir until chocolate melts. Serve warm or chilled. (Serves 8.)

FUDGY CHOCOLATE

BROWNIES The technique for these brown ies is a bit unorthodox. When you add the sugar and cocoa to the melted chocolate, it forms a ball that is hard to stir. But stick with it; the end results are well worth it.

5 Tbsp. margarine 30 gr. unsweetened chocolate 2/2 cup Dutch-process or unsweetened cocoa

142 cups sugar 3 large egg whites l large cgg 1 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 tsp. baking powder cooking spray

Preheat oven to 160°. Melt margarine and chocolate in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in cocoa and cook 1 minute. Stir in sugar and cook 1 minute. (Mixture will almost form a ball and be difficult to stir.) Remove pan from hear, cool slightly.

Beat together egg whites and egg. Gradually add warm chocolate mixture to eggs, stirring with a whisk until well-blended. Combine flour and baking powder; add flour mixture to chocolate mixture, stirring well.

Spoon batter into a 23-cm. square baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 160° for 30 minutes (do not overbake). Cool on a wire rack and cut into 20 bars.

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By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Poor pizza (avoid) Pizza Makpizza might be the first kosber lemahadrin pizza in Israel, but that doesn't make it good. The good news, however, is that the new products produced by Ma'adanot are available in single slice or family size and contain no-preservatives (but then, neither do most other frozen products) or food coloring. An average serving contains 25 percent of the daily require-

ment for vitamins and calcium.
The problem is that the product is mostly thick dough, with a spread of tomato sauce so thin you can't taste it at all and a layer of cheese, but not that much. If you're really desperate, you can buy it and add more cheese, wheat germ and/or vegetables. I'd rather send out or

A package of 10 100-gr. slices costs NIS 23.95. Two familysized pizzas of 500 gr. each NIS

Child's play (fair) How does one judge junk food? Do we go by the taste or the unhealthy ingredients it contains? Elite's new Adashim (Hebrew for lentils) are a sabra version of M&Ms. But M&Ms are better. The new Adashim are made with better-quality chocolate they used to be and have a thin and crunchy coating. In addition to the regular artificial food colorings, the yellow ones have a smiley face on them.

They're not bad, taste-wise, but I'd rather serve my kids plain chocolate than chocolate covered with dubious food colorings. NIS 4.20 for 100 gr. of Adashim and NIS 2.50 for 50 gr. of regular or miniature Adashim.

Orange chocolate (fair-good) I never have enjoyed the combination of chocolate and orange; I've even developed a did not enjoy widespread appeal.

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profound dislike for products like Sabra liqueur. But the flavors somehow meld together successfully in Elite's new limited edition of orange-infused Kif-Kef. (The candy bars were produced in a one-time only run of 1 million.) It is the same chocolate-covered and filled wafer as before, but orange oil was added to it. NIS 2.70 per package.

Chocolate eggs (fair-good)
If your children are into dinosaurs, or the chocolate eggs with-the-surprise-inside, they're bound to like Elite's new Jurassic Park chocolate eggs, The hollow eggs containing one of 16 different dinosaurs that appear in Spielberg's movie cost just NIS 2.65 each, (An attractive package of three sells for NIS 7.95.) My eight year old pronounced the colorodate too hard, but tasty. She also thought it was more appropriate for boys.

Tasty Tivol (fair-good) If you've grown tired of Tivol's soy products, you might like to try one of the new Tivol products based on wheat ginten (which also is called seitan). The products: Pasta Bologuese; Pasta Provençal; Pasta Neapolitan; Mejadra (rice and lentils);

We tried several. The Country Dish, lightly browned potato cubes with a scant amount of scitan, earned a fair-good rating. After I added Chinese pea pods to the Pasta Provençal it was good. The Szechuan Dish was soggy and the least successful of

Country Dish; and Szechuan

The concept is interesting - skillet dishes you stir-fry in 6-7 minutes. It is easy to prepare exactly the amount you need. They don't have instructions in English, however. NIS 19.95 for

A long way from Alaska (fair) Chef Hayam ("Chef of the Sea") has long been trying to find its identity. Its first products were kosher shrimps, crab, calamari and scallops, all made of pollack (which sounds like a Jewish fish anyway), but these

Then Chef Hayam went into fish schnitzel, which were better left as fish food.

In recent years it has tried to sell a substitute crabmeat prodnct (which is used here at Japanese sushi bars) called "Alaska Pieces for Salad." They taste far more like the original than any of Chef Hayam's other products and are suitable for

cold salads or cooked dishes. The company's next attempt was salmon-flavored Alaska Pieces for Salad, which was so unlike the original in consistency that it was more ersatz than edible. Now the company is producing smoked-salmon flavored Alaska Pieces for Salad. This version tastes a lot like the original and could make a thrifty and suitable addition to pasta dishes and cold salads. It does not contangeness relieves, but does have solved a substance of the control of the contro

Take a good thing and make

it worse (avoid) There's probably no familyowned company in Israel that has enjoyed the meteoric success with the small dairy opened by his father, Miki Strauss has turned Strauss Dairies into a multimillion-dollar business, producing not only dairy products but also ready-made salads,

chilled pastas and sauces. One of his most successful products is Ski - a spreadable white cheese with a rich flavor and relatively low fat content (it is available in 9%, 5% and 1/2%). Ski with fruit purce next appeared on the market. It too

was tasty and became popular. According to Strauss's press release, a recent market survey revealed that the public was interested in more varied and interesting flavors for the same product and so Strauss developed new flavors. They include Ski with olives, Ski with onions and Ski with paprika. Tasters pro-nounced the paprika flavor "tolerable" and the other two "vile." A 250-gr. container costs NIS 4.95 and contains 5% fat, 33% of the RDA of calcium and 40% of the RDA for protein. The product also contains preservatives.

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

A few years ago, one could buy rhubarb at Super Sol. This is not so anymore. Do you know why? Also why is it not possible to buy American celery?

- Ed and Rose Cogan,

My Super Sol in Tel Aviv carries both rhubarb and American celery. Yours may have stopped carrying it due to low demand in your area. If it won't order them for you, why not try finding them at a greengrocer? In the Tel Aviv area, American celery always can be found in abundance.

A while ago, you wrote about substituting oil for margarine in cake recipes. My friend and I each understood your opinion differently. You said you would not recommend substituting the whole amount. Does this mean

that you recommend still using a portion of the margarine and substituting a portion of oil? Or did you mean that if the recipe calls for one cup of margarine you would substitute less than one cup of oil? - SRM, Kfar Sava

Substituting oil for margarine or butter doesn't always work, so I suggest starting by substituting part of the margarine for oil. If the result is successful, try making the recipe next time with all oil. You also can try using slightly less oil than the amount of butter or margarine called for in the recipe to cut down on fat, though I never do because I don't want to disrupt the balance of the ingredients. This balance is particularly important

in baking.

To substitute oil for butter or margarine: 100 gr. butter or margarine equals 1/2 cup oil.

I have long heard that flax seeds can be used as an egg substitute, but haven't a clue as to

– Melissa Milgram, Tel Aviv

The flax-seed egg substitute is used as a replacement for egg whites in recipes that require no Friday

cooking. To make it you soak 5 Tosp. flax seed in water for 1 hour, simmer 20 minutes and strain. Chill in the refrigerator and then beat as you would egg whites. Fold it into meringue-type desserts that require no cooking since it will not hold its shape

under heat. Another egg substitute which can be used as a replacement for egg yolk as a binder is 1 cup sov flour to 2 cups water. Mix in the blender till very thick and cook on the top of a double boiler for 1 hour. Whip in 4 Tosp. oil and 1/2 tsp. salt with an electric mixer. It thickens when cold. Use 2-3 spoonfuls as a binder for vegetable patties and cookies in place of one

Personally, I'd rather use eggs in moderation.

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Day Tripper

By Haim Shapiro

The Hagana Museum revisited

Tith the 50th anniversary of the state's founding coming op, no doubt even more school groups than usual will be visiting Tel Aviv's Hagana Museum. But adults will enjoy it, too.

The museum is located at the

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lower end of Scierot Rothschild, in the former home of the late Hagana leader Eliahu Golomb. As a landmark, this handsome old home escaped the fate of its neigh-boring buildings, which were torn down to provide space for yet another bank tower.

One of the most evocative and. moving areas in the museum are the two rooms on the ground floor. which have been preserved with their furnishings - an elaborate china cabinet, a simple samovar and, of course, a bookcase jammed with books.

Upstairs, the exhibits, which include audio-visual components, some of them with the option of English narration, are arranged in

chronological order, from the beginning of Jewish settlement and the self-defense organizations, until the establishment of the IDF. A particularly effective exhibit is the one devoted to the Jewish Brigade, which served as part of the British army in World War I; it otilizes photographs from the period, together with whatever movie films are available.

In exhibits relating to later periods, the films become more specifically related to the Jewish defense groups and their activities. This is especially true of the bricha, the period of illegal Jewish immigration by survivors of the Holocaust. Apparently, there were some involved in this work that were aware of the importance of recording their activities for posterity, even at the risk of creating incriminating evidence that might have been used by the authorities.

I cannot help hot contrast the authentic film footage with the dramatized episodes, which are

shown simultaneously, and which I assume were introduced in an effort to gain the attention of the many children who visit. While the original films may be technologically inferior, their authenticity actually makes them far more dramatic than specially filmed clips.

Among the stationary exhibits, the "Hagana initiation oath" is the most impressive. The exhibititself consists only of a small, low table, covered with a black cloth, oo which a Bible and pistol lie. The accompanying text is a first-persoo account of how the prospective candidates waited outside, to be called into a darkened room one by one, to take the oath of

The meseum is open from Sunday through Thursday from 8 to 4. Admission is NIS 6 for adults and NIS 3 for children, youth, the elderly and students. Soldiers, police and new immigrants are admitted free. Tel. (03) 560-8624.



Close En Counters By Allan Rabinowitz

Atlit: A barbed-wire homecoming



Illegal Jewish immigrants were brought to the Atlit camp in trains, trucks and this original bus. It is currently parked at the entrance to the camp's museum:

Palestine. A freight train full of "illegal" Jewish immigrants, taken off the decrepit ship which had tried to run the British coastal blockade, pulls up by the gate of the huge Atlit internment camp, south of Haifa. The doors slide open, and passengers, Holocaust survivors, are met hy armed guards, wire-

mesh fences, barbed-wire coils. Families are split up as the people are separated according to sex. By the time they have filed into the large disinfection center and ordered to strip, some have broken into hysterics.

The orders came from British soldiers, not Nazis, and this was far from a death camp, no matter how cruel it was to incarcerate these homeless victims yet again. Bot the pain was too raw, the horror too fresh. For many, the entry

It is 1946 in British Mandated into this camp was traumatic. Today, the Illegal Immigrant

Detention Camp at Atlit, where tens of thousands of Jews were welcomed to Palestine hy incarceration, has been declared a national historic site, and a portion of it preserved and restored as an on-site museum. The museum comprises but a fraction of the original camp, which extended beyond today's Haifa-Tel Aviv highway. But the fences and watch towers, an old bus, several barracks and the disinfection center convey a vivid sense of the dramas that unfolded here among so many thousands of future Israelis. Site-oriented computer games are also available, as are guided tours in Hebrew, English and other languages.

The camp at Atlit had been used since 1938, when Britain imposed severe restrictions on Jewish

immigration to Palestine. Jews who tried to escape the growing Nazi threat in Europe by entering Palestine clandestinely were

tossed into Atlit if caught. During World War II, despite the fact that only a trickle of Jews arrived, the British restrictions were still applied. Those who arrived could be incarcerated in

Atlit for up to two years.

After the war, however, ship after ship, group after group, tried to break the British blockade and land in Palestine, and the camp filled up with 5,000 refugees. Some of the detainees managed to obtain early release ioto the Yishuv, the Jewish settlement. Others waited in the camp, not knowing what the future held.

But though Atlit was intended as a detention camp, and not a transit camp, it was nevertheless

a place of transition, the first step from horror to hope, from ash to recewal. The display of photographs in the old disinfection center shows the shards and shreds of European Jewry packed between these fences, some still wearing yellow stars or even concentration-camp clothes. Yet, among the vacant stares and expressions of unfathomable suffering, we also see pictures of people singing, dancing, smiling, working, learning Hehrew. They formed friendships with

each other. Through the fences, visitors encouraged them. Hands that had performed slave labor for the Nazis were now trained to harvest citrus fruit or were paid to sew garments for the nearby Ata factory.

But while preparing for the new lives which they hoped awaited them beyond the camp perimeter,



Families were split up as they arrived. With the horror of the Holocaust still fresh, the entry into the camp was tranmatic for the immigrants.

1946. Escapes wère numerous:

by tunnel, fake passes, impersoo-

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center details how, in autumn

An excellent video which is shown in the former disinfection

the detainees endured harsh conditions. Tents were needed to supplement the 80 barracks. Food was sometimes inadequate. Boredom. emotional scars, uncertainty and the regimen of a prison camp took

A motley collection of survivors - Labor Zionists, Revisionists, Communists, Hasidim, atheists, selfless organizers, calculating rogues, orphaned teenagers, widowed elderly - were packed into the barracks.

Twenty beds are snugly arrayed in the reconstructed barracks where there were 40 to 70. The tin-roofed huts, hot and airless during summer and cold and damp in the winter, were locked every night. The power was turned off and a waste bucket was placed at one end of the barracks for all the inmates. At one end of the barracks there is a poignant display of messages and names carved into the wooden beams by inmates hoping to locate relatives who might have survived.

Members of the various Jewish underground organizations who were resisting the British were also imprisoned here, including thousands from the infamous "Black Sabbath" round-up in

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1945, the Palmah liberated over 200 Jews, practically the entire immate population at the time, in a daring operation commanded by Yitzhak Rabin. The refugees were marched by night to Kibbutz Beit Oren and other settlements. When the British tried to recapture the immigrants, they withdrew after being besieged by masses of people from the area.

Once the state was established, the Atlit camp was again put to ose, this time hy the Jewish authorities as a transit camp for waves of immigrants. In one more twist, Atlit camp held military prisoners from the '56 and '67 wars, before it was finally abandoned in the mid-'70s.

Bot the preservation and vivid reconstruction of this camp, which was the way station for so many thousands of future Israelis, highlights an important and dramatic chapter in the creation of this

country. The camp, located off the Atlit turn-off on the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway, is open every day, closing early oo Fridays. Groops shoold make advance arrangements by calling (04) 984-1980.

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A sketch of the detention camp at Atlit: Holocaust survivors were met by armed guards, wire-mesh fences and barbed-wire

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Winter sales: Don't be left out in the cold

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

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Deople with a penchant for Dorin Frankfurt fash-ions may have hesitated about buying items from the Fall/Winter collection because they were simply too expensive. But with the huge drop in prices thuring the sales season, her garments, like those of several other designers, have become affordable enough that even average wage earners can splurge on at least one outfit, if not three or four. Volume buying at sales is easier in those establishments which let you pay in three or four monthly installments, although very few stores, with Hamashbir a notable exception, allow you to spread it out over an even longer period.

Aside from its current price appeal, the D.F. label also appeals to almost anyone with an accordion figure - the kind that is constantly changing from hefty to slim and back again. Hardly any of her pieces could be described as body-skimming. Frankfurt herself likes to go with the flow. Everything she wears is fluid, and her own personal preference is

translated into her creations. Some things are of course a lit-tle looser than others, but you can achieve a sleeker look from a seamed, long, roomy shirt by wearing it under a fastened bolero-style jacket. Frankfurt

believe in constriction; no one should have to suffer discomfort for the sake of being in vogue. While some of her shirts and dresses do button up to the neck, the fit is never tight. Her pants are

sometimes slim-fitting, but in general, they're roomy and can easily accommodate a few extra kilos without undue

There's a slight sugges-tion of tailoring in her menswear lines, but nothing severe. Here too, the accent is as much on comfort as on image, and the fourbutton velvet jackets are gorgeous.

Whereas Frankfurt's ciothes have an easy, spontaneous look about

them, those of Tziona Tochterman seem contrived and sometimes lacking in balance. A jacket with Elizabethan leg-o'-mutton skeeves doesn't sit well over a relatively narrow see-through skirt. There has to be more waist emphasis and a widesweeping skirt that completely balances the sleeves.

I'm not too keen on all this transparency. It's fine over a tank top or spaghetti-strap bodice, but on most people it looks terrible when there's no petticoat underneath. It detracts from the grace, the romance and the mystique. But then again, it's different strokes for different folks, and while Tochterman may not be exactly my cup of tea, there are some who adore her bohemian tongue-in-cheek ensembles. And let's face it, they are a change from the racks of semi-classic lookalikes under different brand names which take up space in the stores.

A Tel Aviv colleague suggests that one of the reasons that the rag trade is in trouble is because pants have become almost as commonplace in women's wear as in men's. Because a pair of pants can be teamed with sweaters, shirts and jackets of varying lengths, shapes and colors, women feel less

pressured keep renewclosets. With all their bits and pieces and a little creativity, they can have much more fun mixing and matching than wearing a classic suit or dress, no matter how well made or

Another more obvious factor is the weather. It hasn't been cold or wet enough to warrant expenditure on real winter clothes, and before we even have a chance to look around, whatever's in the showcases now will be replaced by spring fashions.

The interesting question is what's going to happen to all that winter merchandise that wasn't sold. Will it be given to people living beneath the poverty line? Will it be dumped somewhere in the southern hemisphere? Or will it be pulled apart and recycled? There's no trouble in recycling natural fibers, but some of the synthetics will disintegrate in the

process. What a waste.

While Dorin Frankfurt's clothes (top and center) have an easy and spontaneous look, those of Tziona Tochterman (right) seem contrived and sometimes lacking in balance



Bridg Husbands and wives

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North dealer

North-South vulnerable North (Rosenberg)

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Opening lead: ♦2

The relationship between husbands and wives at the bridge table can be a delicate one. At the home-bridge level, many couples split up at the table to avoid an argumentative evening. Husband plays with husband, and wife with wife. At the toumament level, where there's more at stake, it is even more dangerous for spouses to partner each other.

But the danger of a couple entering an event with separate partners was made apparent last week in St. Louis, Missouri, the site of the American Fall Nationals. The event was the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the premier pair event of the year, and the couple who "split up" were Bob and Petra Hamman, of Dallas. The problem occurred when they had to play against each other at the table.

It goes without saying that one shouldn't play too well against one's wife or husband if one wishes to return home that night to peaceful coexistence. Nevertheless, to deliberately play poorly would not be sporting and your partner wouldn't be thrilled. There was once a famous player who, when playing against his wife, did everything he could to occasion, he was on a six-person team, so his partner wisely drove

against my own wife, I've been careful to sit there quietly and try to follow suit in an honest fashion Of course, all doubling of final contracts is left to my partner.
In today's deal, Hamman

(South) did his best by misdefending a game contract but then fell from grace afterward by calling the director on his wife and her partner. This is a big no-no.

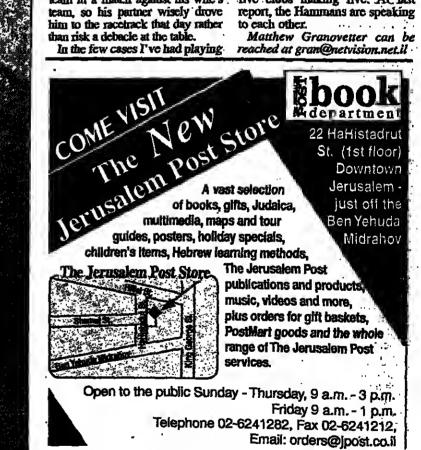
After two passes, Hamman opened the South hand with one diamond and West overcalled two clubs. Michael Rosenberg (North) jumped to three spades, a preemp tive bid, and Mrs. Hamman (Fast) bid four hearts (she might have bid four clubs instead). Hamman.continued to four spades and West thought for about eight seconds before doubling. Now East decided to pull the double to five clubs. and this became the final contract.

Rosenberg led the deuce of diamonds, hoping for a ruff, but Hamman didn't read it. He won the ace of diamonds and switched to the ace of spades. When North played the two of spades, South continued with the king and declarer tuffed and claimed his contract. North's two of spades was meant as a discouraging card, asking partner to return to the originally led suit, diamonds. But Hamman understood the two as a "count card." He thought North showed an odd number of spades (specifically seven) and, therefore, the king of spades would cash.

After the deal, North-South called the director because they felt that East's bid of five clubs was influenced by West's break in tempo before doubling four spades.

Rosenberg in particular is very concerned with high ethics at the table and has written extensively on the subject. For him, it was impossible to "look the other way" just because the accused was his partner's wife. No doubt, Rosenberg is not familiar with the concept of shlom bayit. The result of calling the director was that the contract was changed back to four spades by North, doubled, down one.

Mrs. Hamman and her parmer and they protested to a tournament appeals committee. Mr. Hamman wisely did not show up to argue his case (he left it to his partner) and, to Mr. Hamman's relief, Mrs. sure his write's success. On one Hamman won her appeal. The committee returned the contract to team in a match against his wife's five clubs making five. At last report, the Hammans are speaking



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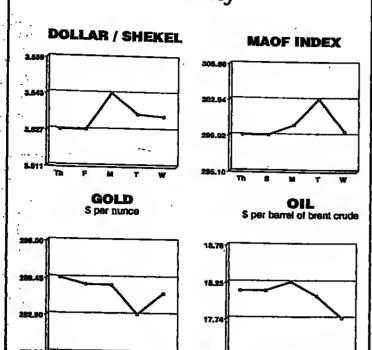
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State earns NIS 321m. from Leumi options

The government exmed NIS 321 million from the exercising of 60 million Bank Leumi warrants, Accountant General Shai Talmon said yesterday.

This sum adds to the NIS 650m, the government raised from

the offering of 10 percent of Leumi on the Tel Aviv Stock

MUNICIPALITY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO Public Tender: No. 413/97

For the lease of a plot for building purposes, north of the Tel Aviv Medical Center

The Municipality of Tel Aviv - Yafo is planning an entrepreneurial project to be built on the plot currently serving as a parking lot and located north of the Tel Aviv Medical Center, and invites bids from contractors and/or entrepreneurs for purchase of the lease, in accordance with the tender conditions and their appendices. The tender conditions and tender envelope are available from 25.11.97. for the sum of NIS.6,000(non-refundable) at the offices of the Research and Development Fund on the 7th floor of the Ichilov Hospital building, Tel Aviv Sonrasky Medical Center, Sunday-Thursday, 9 am to 12 noon. Purchase of tender conditions is a prerequisite for participation in the bid and in the meeting with entrepreneurs/contractors.

A meeting of entrepreneurs/contractors, where further information on the bid will be provided, will take place on Thursday, 1.1.98 at the 10 a.m. in the conference room on the management floor of the Medical Center.

Bids are to be submitted in two identical copies (on the form enclosed in Appendix C of the tender conditions), together with the tender documents signed by the bidder, in a sealed envelope bearing the tender number and name of bidder and to be sent by registered mail or delivered by hand to: Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality Postal Services, 12th floor, room 1228, Yitzhak Rabin Square, Tel-Aviv, by Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 3 p.m. Bids must contain a gnarantee, as specified in the tender conditions, documents attesting to the bidder's ability to carry ont the project, and confirmation by the tax authorities or an accountant that bidder's account books are kept as required by law, as well as all authorizations and documents required in the tender conditions.

The Municipality will not accept bids falling below the minimum amount specified in the tender conditions.

All bids will remain valid for a period of 4 months from the final submission date.

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Hungarian privatization agency:

Israeli consortium ready to bid for \$1 billion Hungarian cargo project

By DAVID HARRIS and DAN GERSTENFELD

An Israeli consortium is ready to bid for a tender to build a \$1 billion cargo terminal in Hungary, the project portfolio team manager Stefan Sellay said yesterday.

The consortium headed by Control Centers includes Israel Aircraft Industries subsidiary Bedek, Arkia Israeli Airlines and its parent company Knafaim. according to Control Centers Vice Managing Director Shimon

The terminal, to be built on a large island in Tokol some 20 kilometers south of Budapest, will comprise an airport, port on the Danube River, a railway terminal, and truck depot. The private enterprise will be constructed on a

Hungarian military site once controlled by the Soviet Union.
The 25-square-km. area is

owned by the government, which plans to sell it in 1998 by public tender as part of privatization efforts, according to Sellay, who works for the Hungarian privatization agency APV. Hungary wants

the facility to be a joint militarycivilian operation. "Right now we have no competitors because this was our idea," said Arkia President and CEO Issie Borovich. "But since it's at a very early stage everything

is open.

Control Centers has expressed interest in purchasing the land for \$40 million and then constructing the facility, said Sellay.

Yitzhaki, however, said yesterday that the company does not want to buy the land, but is prepared to pay for cleaning the pol-

Until now, most cargo has been brought into landlocked Hungary by roads from Western Europe. A port on the Dannbe could save millions of dollars in transport costs and facilitate increased eastwest trade via Hungary.
This is going to be a terminal

that will serve not only Hungary but all of eastern Europe," said Yitzhaki. The \$1b. figure is considerably higher than anticipated, he added, unless the hub becomes as active as Amsterdam's Schiphol.

The construction contract will probably be signed in the second half of 1998, APV director Jozsef Heffentreger said this month. Bedek may supply maintenance services for aircraft, said IAI spokeswoman Sylvia Beit-

The preparations are at the earliest stages, said Borovich. "So far it's only talks and it's too early to say whether something will actu-ally come out of it."

Control Centers owner Motti Zisser, is considered Israel's largest investor in Hungary. The company recently sold its holding in the newly-opened Duna Plaza commercial center in Budapest to his partner Yuli Ofer.

Zisser and Red Sea Hotels President and owner Eli Popouchado last week opened a DM30m. (\$17m.) commercial center in Csepel on the ontskirts of Budapest. Additionally, the entrepreneurs have laid a cornerstone for another shopping mall in the

province of Gyor - a DM 29m.

Speaking in Csepel last week, Zisser said that he intends to build 10 additional malls across eastern Europe over the next two years, and that he was negotiating for more projects in Hungary.

Hungarian Privatization Minister Judit Csiha visited Israel in June. Trade volume between the two countries totals an annoal \$120 million, said Israel's economic affairs counselor in Budapest, Arie Cal. This figure includes some \$70m. in Israeli exports.

A free trade agreement between Israel and Hungary goes into effect on January I. The agreement calls for giving Israeli goods the same tax status as those from the European Union.

Current-

account deficit

By DAVID HARRIS

shrinks 29% The current-account balance of

payments deficit shrank in the first nine months to \$3.786 billion from \$5,387b, in the equivalent period last year - a 29.7 percent reduction, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The overall figure incloded a

\$4.298b. deficit in trade of goods, down on last year's \$5.901b. in the first nine months. The services deficit increased to \$4.371b. from \$4.124b., while unilateral transfers registered \$4.864b., compared to \$4.638b. between January and September last year.

The main reason for the reduction was the relatively stable level of imports, while exports increased. Combined imports of goods and services, for example, totaled \$32,444b. last year and \$32,827b. this year, while exports increased from \$22.419b. to \$24.157.

In July, the Treasury predicted the current-account balance of payments will show a \$3.6b. deficit this year, with a reduction to \$3.1b. next year. The forecast suggest the deficit will be anywhere between \$1.5b-\$3.9b. by 2000.

Economists say that while the general picture of a declining deficit is good news, the specific reasons for the decline point to the ongoing slowdown in the economy.

The figures also show that for-

eign investments in the Israeli economy rose by more than 30% in January-September, totalling a record \$2.4b., compared to \$1.8b. in the same period last year. In the space of two years, foreign investments has increased 72%. On the other hand, there was a 25% drop in the volume of Israeli overseas investments, amounting to only \$700m. in January-September

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PA seeks closer economic links with Israel

Globes news service

The Palestinian Authority would like to form a regional economic bloc with Israel, Said Bamia. director-general of the PA Ministry of Economic Affairs and Trade, said yesterday.

"The Palestinians seek political separation and economic integration," Bamia said at a meeting the Manufacturers Association hosted, "integration in the style of the European Union or EFTA.

"We in the Palestinian Authority have found that the development of economic ties between the two private sectors is already signifi-

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cant, especially for the development of the Palestinian economy," Bamia added. He criticized the Israeli customs

authority requirement that "Israel" be marked on import documents as a destination point, even in cases when the products are headed exclusively for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The customs authority also requires Palestinian importers to sign a guarantee that such products won't be sold in

Bamia noted that the rule contravenes economic agreements signed in Paris.

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He said that the PA would

resolved. The PA, meanwhile, outlined a three-year development plan for

retaliate unless the issue was

1998-2000, which it submitted on Tuesday to donor states for presentation next Sunday at a fundraising convention in Paris. The plan calls for investments of \$3.5 billion, of which \$600 million is designated for projects in

Donor states also have been asked to approve a second five-

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They also were asked to approve a number of financial commit-

aid for 1998. It is assessed that the donors will approve continuing aid for next year and also long-term aid to the territories, subject

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to changes.

The World Bank has proposed in the form that aid be given more in the form of credit and less in cash.

The PA's three-year plan calls

for the construction of an airfield the Jericho region. Some \$200m. has been allocated for tourism, of this \$170m, for the Bethlehem 2000 project.



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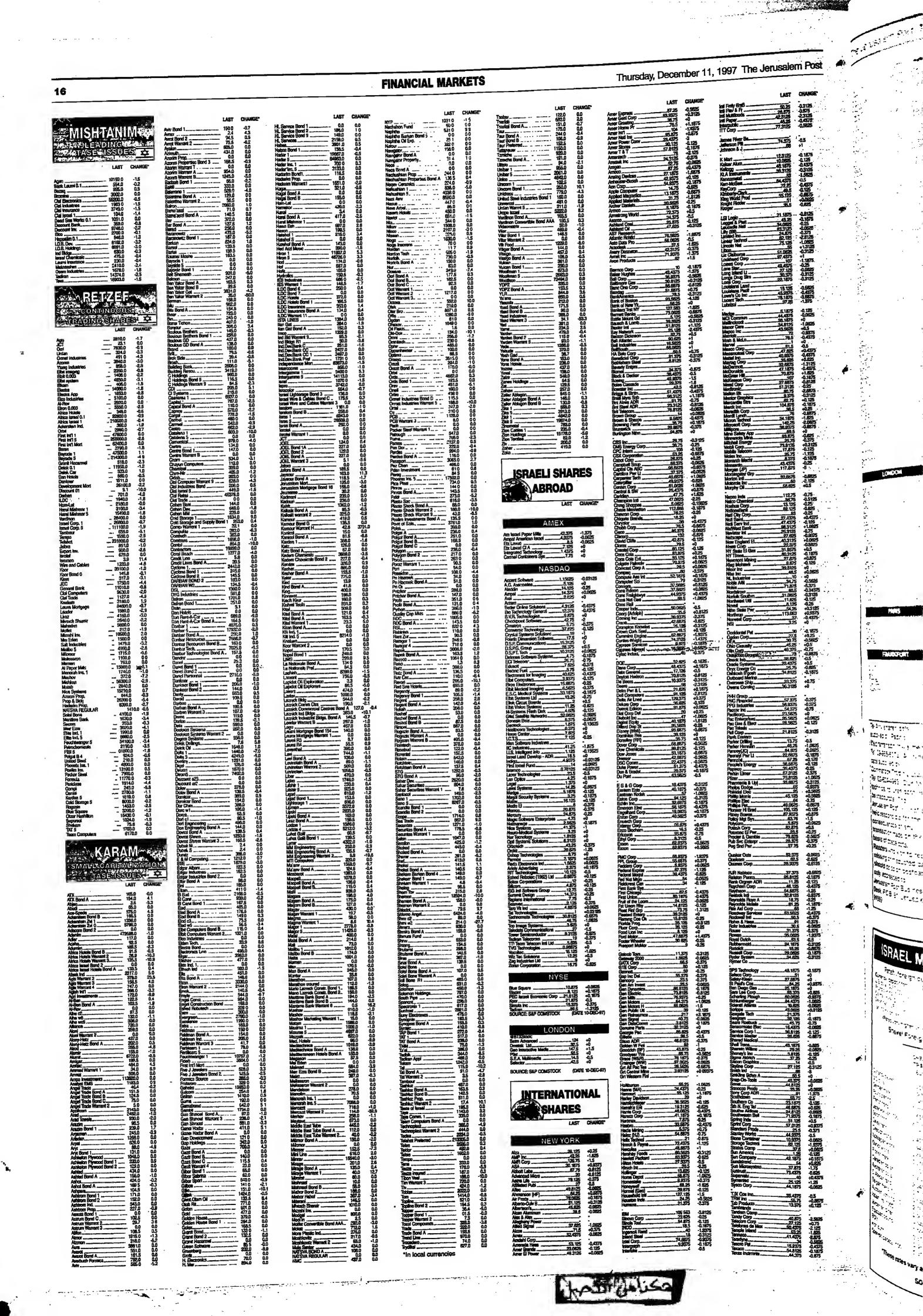
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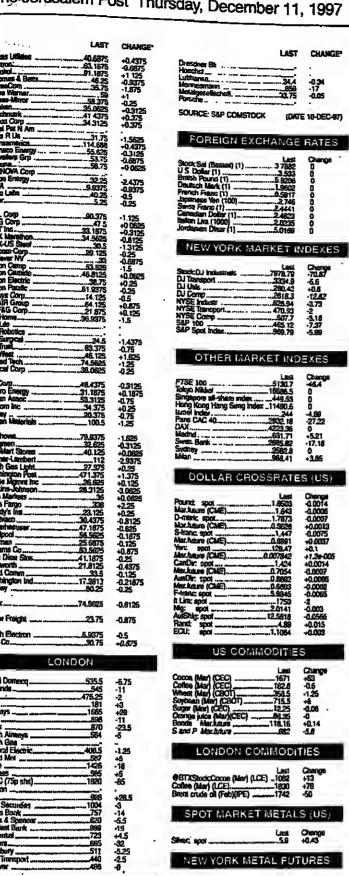
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TASE drops after declines in Europe

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks fell yesterday as investors tracked declines in New York. Analysts also said the Tel Aviv bourse followed declining markets in Europe and the Far East Declining Israeli companies included Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, the country's biggest drugmaker, which dropped 1.5 percent to 169.03 shekels (\$47.84); Tadiran Ltd., a telecommunications and defense company, which fell 2.5 percent to 143.74, and Koor Industries Ltd., which fell 1 percent to 391. The Maof Index of 25 stocks fell 1.16 percent to 299.42. The Mishtanim Index fell 1.29 percent to 287.36.

The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index fell 1.53 percent to 96.06. Gaining shares included staterun telephone company Bezeq Ltd., up 0.5 percent to 9.35, digital voice- and data-recording equipment maker Nice Systems Ltd., up 0.7 percent to 152.1, and Investment Co. of Bank Hapoalim, up 0.5 percent to 131.

The market's weak on New York sentiment," said Daniella Finn, head of sales at Ilanot Batucha, a Tel Aviv investment

Mark Meiras, managing director of Pacific Mediterranean Investments, said drops on exchanges in the Far East and Europe were also being felt. "We're just following the leader,"

November consumer price index, to be announced December 15, will be lower than previously estimated offset some of the declines, Finn added. "Everybody's downgrading their CPI estimates, and there's an estimated 4.5 percent decline in MI money supply."
Finn said. With a strong shekel pointing toward lower interest rates in months ahead, she said, Things are looking good."

Europe

UK stocks fell, with the benchmark FT-SE 100 Index down for a second day, amid concern a slowdown in Asia will mean lower profits for companies around the wurld. Takeover talk lifted Safeway Plc, the food retailer.

The FT-SE 100 lost 46.4 points. or 0.9 percent, to 5130.7. The FT-SE 250 Index of medium sized companies fell 12.3 points to 4769.3. The FT-SE 350 Index, a combination of the two, slipped 19.3 points to 2466.

"Fear still prevails regarding Asian earnings forecasts," said John Shelley, a money manager at Aberdeen Asset Management, which has 11 billion pounds (\$18.2 billion) under management.

Standard Chartered Pic, a bank that has a lot of hranches in Asia. slid 35p to 725 as Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell 4.1 percent, the biggest one-day decline in more than a month. HSBC



Maof 299.42 ▼ 1.16% Dow Jones 7979 ▼ 0.88% FTSE 5130.7 ▼ 0.9% Nîkkei 16478.12 ▼ 1.25%

Holdings Plc, the parent of Hongkong Bank Ltd., fell 83p to 1,620. Incheape Plc. a distributor and marketer of products from autos to soft drinks, slid 16.5p to

"There is a question mark against earnings growth. That's why stocks can't go much higher," said Alan Harris, a money manager at Burrough Asset Management, which manages 40 million pounds.

Asia

Japanese stocks fell as investors reassessed the feasibility of a 10 trillion yen (\$77 billion) bank bailout proposed by a semor official of the ruling Liberal

Some members of the LDP's fis-cal committee said they opposed a plan to issue new bonds to stabilize the banking system, raising questions about whether the govemment can move ahead with the We don't know if the money

will really appear or not," said Ken Tsubouchi, general manager at Nomura Asset Management Co., which handles 15 trillion yen in

securities. The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 208.39 points, or 1.25 percent, to 16,478.12. The hroader Topix average of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 6.91 points. or 0.55 percent, to

1241.16. On Tuesday, the benchmark index surged 3.4 percent after Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto directed his party to consider the plan to use government money to bolster the nation's banks.

Hashimoto's move prompted some dealers to buy hack shares they'd borrowed and sold when no clear plan for stabilizing the banking system was in sight.

Yesterday, some foreigners took Tuesday's rise as an opportunity to cash out of a market that's fallen 20 percent the past six months. Foreigners are locking in losses

- cutting back on the stock they bought when the Nikkei was at 20,000," said Stephen Bronte, managing partner at Stephen Bronte Partners, a Japanese hedge

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks fell yesterday on Wall Street, led by technology and banking shares, as Asia's economic crisis continued to erode profits at US multination-

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 70.87 points to 7,978.79, having reclaimed some of its loss of more than 100. Broad market indexes were lower as well.

"We're starting to see a clearer picture of the after-shocks or fallout from the currency crisis in Asia," said First Albany Corp.'s market strategist, Hugh Johnson. "Investors were generally worried that the crisis would affect the US economy and earnings, and now that concern is focused on individ-

ual companies." The concern about US vulnerability to problems in Asia is coming at an inopportune time for stock investors, because valuations on Wall Street are already very high, said Larry Wachtel, market strategist at Prudential Securities.

Yesterday it was J.P. Morgan and the banking sector that was feeling the brunt of Asia's difficulties. Morgan, which derived 40 percent of its revenues this year from trading, said October and November trading revenues would be soft. Its stock fell sharply, dragging those of big money-center banks like Citicorp and Chase Manhattan Corp.,

Yen recovers on Japanese official's remarks

The dollar fell against the yen for a second day after a top Japanese finance official suggested the Bank of Japan may sell dollars to bolster the yen.

Haruhiko Kuroda, director geoeral of the Finance Ministry's International Finance Bureau, said he's in contact with US and European officials about exchange rates and that Japan might act in concert with other countries to halt the yen's decline.

The possibility of intervention has got everybody asking whether holding dollars is such a slamdunk trade," said Richard Vullo, manager of currency sales at Bayerische Hypotheken und Wechsel Bank.

The dollar fell to 129.18 yen from 129.74 yeo Tuesday. The dollar was little changed at 1.7860 marks from 1.7885 marks. Japanese officials often use ver-

bal intervention to bring the yen closer to desired levels. Their hints that the yen was getting too strong earlier this year helped lift the dollar from an eight-month low in June.

Conversely, suggestions that the Bank of Japan might sell dollars helped knock the dollar off 8 4



Dollar 3.533 ¥ 0.03% Basket 3:7882 ¥ 1.0% Mark 1.4802 ▼ 0.18% Sterling 5.820 ▼ 0.12% economy by making its exports less expensive, it also can heighten market instability.

"Disorderly markets aren't good for anyone," said Vullo. "While a weak yen might be good for them, they can't let it fall in a disorderly fashion. The last thing they need is a currency crisis. If the dollar were at 150 yen, that's bad. That's

The dollar pared losses against the yen as 8 plan for helping Japan's banks met opposition from the ruling Liberal Democratic

1/2-year high in May. While a Party. Several LDP legislators weak yen can benefit the Japanese balked at a proposal to sell some balked at a proposal to sell some \$77.5 billion in bonds to bail out Japan's debt-strapped banks and securities firms. Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto lent his support to the plan on Tuesday, making the yen rise.

Any sign that the proposal may be sidelined is bad for the yen, said Stephen Flanagan, chief currency trader at Erste Bank.

The dollar also was helped against the yen while it was pushed down against the mark by sales of marks for yen.

(Bloomberg)

Silver soars as stockpiles fall

Precious metals

Silver surged yesterday as demand from investment funds and industrial consumers for the precious metal pushed US exchange stockpiles to their lowest levels in more than 12 years. Growing use of silver for photographic films and paper and in the electronics industry comes as supplies of newly mined silver have fallen short of demand for eight years. Silver for immediate delivery in London traded at \$5.79 an

ounce, a rise of 32 cents. London gold seemeed to have bottomed out after Tuesday's 18-

year low as figures out of South Africa and Australia showed a decrease in gold mining output. Gold production in South Africa fell 4.8 percent in October from the previous month, the country's Chamber of Mines said. Spot gold last traded 90 cents higher at \$284.45 an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures were little changed to higher as a larger than expected drop in US oil supplies was offset by a 1.2 percent fall in gas prices. The American Petrolcum Institute reported a 5.1

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Gold \$282.75 ---Crude Oil \$17.44▼ 0.48 CRB 237.69 ▲ 0.58%

million-harrel decline in crude stockpiles to 316.8 million barrels, in its weekly report released after markets closed Tuesday.

January Brent crude futures gained 2 cents to \$17.94 a barrel.

Others

Coffee rose in London amid concern that drought in Colombia and frost in Mexico will reduce supplies of higher-grade arabica beans. Colombian coffee output in the 1997 calendar year could fall as low as 11.5 million 60 kg. bags, local growers said on Tuesday.

Coffee for March delivery rose \$80 to \$1,835 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. Aluminum fell. An economic

slowdown in Asia has reduced demand in the region for products made with aluminum. Still, aluminum stockpiles held hy the world's smelters fell 0.7 percent to 3.104 million tons at the end of October from a month earlier, the International Primary Aluminum Institute said in a monthly report. Aluminum for three month delivery slipped \$4.50 to \$1,578 a

ton on the LME. Zinc rose. Zinc stockpiles monitored by the London Metal Exchange fell 800 metric tons to 492,950 metric tons, the exchange said in its daily report. Threemonth zinc climbed to \$1,134 a

ton, a rise of \$6. (Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed before sales, price reports

US bonds were little changed yesterday as investors looked to reports on retail sales and producer prices later this week for more evidence strong growth isn't pushing prices higher.

"Retail sales may come out on the strong side," said Wayne Schmidt, who manages about \$350 million at Advantus Capital Management in St. Paul. Minnesota. Even so, he said, Things are still good on the inflation front - that ought to give the market a little comfort."

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was unchanged at 100 3/32, leaving its yield at 6.12 percent. The two-year note yield fell 3 basis points to 5.75 percent. Schmidt said he sold bonds last week as yields fell toward 6 percent, then bought Friday when yields rose following the November jobs report. He said he'd look to sell again if yields fell back loward 6 percent.

Treasury bills and notes rose as investors added the safest securities to their portfolios before the year's end. Tumbling stocks in Asia may also have increased the allure of short-term US government deht, traders said.

"There's been a little bit of buying on the very short end of the market," said Mike Cloherty, hond strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston. Yields on threemonth bills fell 2 basis points to 5.21 percent, calculated on an annualized hasis if held to matu-

US bonds rose Tuesday, snapping a three-day slump, after the Federal Reserve purchased Treasury securities and as investors speculated the economy



US 30 -year T-bill yield 6.12 no change

will slow enough to curb inflation, which eats into bonds' fixed pay-

Now, investors are looking toward government reports on retail sales today and producer prices tomorrow for more clues on the economy and inflation. "Price numbers should be favorable" for bonds, said Steven Saslow, a trader at HSBC Securities Inc. Analysts predict the report will show prices paid by factories, farmers and other producers rose 0.1 percent both overall and when volatile food and energy prices are excluded.

Yesterday investors got evidence suggesting the economy may he cooling with the government's report on wholesale inventories for October, which unexpectedly rose 0.6 percent in the month as husinesses coped with sluggish sales. Analysts were expecting inventories to be unchanged in the month after ris-

ing 1.2 percent in September. So far, inflation hasn't picked up even in the face of robust growth and a booming jobs market. Consumer prices rose at just a 1.8 percent annual rate through October - the slowest in a decade - while falling prices of commodities such as gold also indicate inflation may not be poised to

What's more, the drop in the value of Asian currencies against the dollar, resulting from recent financial turmoil in the region, may result in more low-cost exports to the US, helping to keep down prices, analysts said.

"Asia continues to be underestimated in terms of its impact" on the US economy and financial markets, said Kevin McClintock, bead of taxable fixed-income investments at Dreyfus Corp., which manages more than \$95 billion.

Asia's economic crisis may also push more American investors to buy US government debt, helping drive 30-year bond yields through 5.5 percent next year, he said.

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Jordan No. 3 all-time scoring leader

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan became the third-leading scorer in NBA history Tuesday night, passing Moses Malone by scoring 29 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 100-82 victory over the slumping New York

Jordan reached the milestone in the first quarter by making a short bank shot over Patrick Ewing. That gave Jordan 27,411 points in 13 seasons, two more than Malone had in 19 seasons.

The only players ahead of Jordan are Wilt Chamberlain (31,419 points) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387). If Jordan goes through with his plan to retire after this season, he'll finish in the No. 3 spot.

Toni Kukoc added 20 points, going 4-for-4 from 3-point range and 6-for-6 overall, in helping the Bulls to their first four-game winning streak this season.

Patrick Ewing scored 22 points for the Knicks, who shot 36 percent in losing for the fifth time in seven games. New York has lost five straight on the road. Wizards 120, Nets 99

Tracy Murray scored a seasonhigh 26 points and made a careerhigh seven 3-pointers as Washington stayed perfect at its new arena.

Washington has won four straight overall after losing seven of eight.

Hornets 95, Raptors 82 Bobby Phills scored 13 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter, helping visiting Charlotte extend

New Jersey 24 21 15 38—99
Washington 24 29 28 39—120
NEW JERSEY (99) Gil 4-14 1-2 9, Van
Horn 9-19 2-4 23, JWilliams 7-12 0-0 14, Katles
7-16 1-1 17, Cassell 3-12 2-3 8, Benott 5-9 0-0
12, Douglas 5-11 3-5 14, Cage 0-1 0-0 0,
McDaniel 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 41-65 9-16 99,
WASHINGTON (120) Webber 7-14 0-3 14,
Howard 8-15 2-2 18, Davis 1-2 0-02, Cheaney 610 3-4 15, Strictiand 7-9 9-10 23, Murray 9-16 1-1
26, Cirart 1-1 3-4 5, Writiney 3-5 5-5 12,
Eacldes 2-2 0-0 4, Ham 0-1 0-0 0, Wallace 0-0 1-2
1, Totals 44-76 24-31 120.
Foulde out-Webber, Rebounds—New Jersey
46 (J.Williams 12), Wrishington 54 (Webber 15),
Assists—New Jersey 21 (Cassell 9), Washington
33 (Strictiand 14), Total fouls—New Jersey 28,
Washington 23, Technicals—Howard 2,
Ejections—Howard, A.—17,351,

S6-74 17-31 95.
TORONTO (62) Wallace 8-14 3-6 15, Camby 4-14 2-2 10, Miller 2-9 1-2 5, Williams 3-10 2-4 6, Stoudamire 7-13 4-4 20, Tabak 2-4 1-2 5, Stater 4-6 1-2 8, McGrady 0-1 4-4 4, Respect 2-5 0-0 6, Totulas 30-7 6 18-26 82.
Fouled out—None, Rebounds—Charlotte 57 (Divac 14), Toorito 48 (Miller 12), Assists—Charlotte 27 (Mason, Wesley, Armstrong 5), Toronto 23 (Stoudamire 7), Total fouls—Charlotte 20, Torogio 23, A—16,325.

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Toronto's franchise-record losing streak to 17 games.

Phills drove the length of the court for a layup and a 79-72 lead with 4:58 to play, then stole Damon Stoudamire's crosscourt pass and drove for another layup and an 81-72 lead with 4:39

Heat 97, Hawks 81
Eric Murdock came off the bench to spark visiting Miami in the fourth quarter and the Heat rolled over Atlanta in a matchup of the top two teams in the Eastern Conference.

Miami, leading the Atlantic Division, sliced through an unusually tame Atlanta defense to shoot 51.9 percent from the field, pulling away in the final period after Atlanta cut a 10-point halftime deficit to 71-66 after the third

Pistons 92, Nuggets 83 Brian Williams had 21 points

and Jerome Williams led a secondquarter comeback with 12 points as Detroit handed Denver its ninth straight road loss.

The Pistons won despite hitting just 34 of 90 shots (37.8%). They redeemed themselves by shooting 23-for-31 at the free throw line and holding Denver to eight points in the second quarter.

SuperSonics 108, Timberwolves 99

Gary Payton had 21 points and 11 assists to lead Seattle to its NBA-record 26th consecutive win over Minnesota.

Detlef Schrempf scored 19 points and Hersey Hawkins

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MIAMI (97) Meshburn 4-8 4-4 13, RuBrown
10-15 0-0 20, Austin 5-7 1-4 11, Lerant 8-13 4-4
22, Hardaway 4-14 1-1 10, Mejerie 0-3 0-0 0, Měla
3-5 3-3 6, Mundock 5-7 0-0 10, Strickland 0-0 0-0
0, Causwell 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 40-77 13-18 97.
ATLANTA (81) Corbin 2-9 1-2 5, Lestiner 714 8-6 22, Mulcoribo 2-4 7-12 11, Smith 7-15 2-6
17, Blagkok 7-14 1-1 16, CBrown 3-6 0-0 6,
Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Gray 1-7 1-2-4, Livingston 0-10-0 0, Crawlord 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 29-71 20-31
81.

Technicals—Corbin, Blaylock, Lanard, A—9,156.

Denver 29 8 20 29—83

Detroit 20 16 20 29—82

DENVER (83) Battle 3-6 0-0 6, Elis 3-13 0-0 6, Garrett 2-5 0-0 4, leckson 4-11 0-0 6, Waskington 5-70 0-0 10, Forbard 5-6 0-2 10, Newman 5-11 2-2 12, Lauderdale 5-8 6-8 16, Goldwick 4-7 1-2 11, Totals 36-77 6-14 83.

DETROIT (92) Hill 5-12 3-5 13, Ratist 5-12 1-1 11, B.Williams 6-17 3-7 21, Dummar 2-3 0-0 5, Hunter 5-17 6-6 18, Seely 1-8 4-4 6, J.Williams 5-13 2-3 12, O'Barnon 1-2 2-2 4, Reich 1-2 2-3 4, McKe 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 34-90 2-3-19 2, Fouled out—Fortson, Rebounds—Denver 48 (Battle, Garrett 9), Detroit 62 (Fadint 10), Assists—Derver 24 (Jackson, Goldwire 8), Detroit 20 (Hill 10), Total louis—Denver 24, Detroit 76, A—14,856.

Mass York 18 14 28 22—82

matched a season high with 18 as the Sonics finished a five-game road trip, their longest of the season, hy handing Minnesota its

cighth loss in 10 games. Clippers 99, Mavericks 92 Darrick Martin scored 18 points and Lamond Murray added 17 as visiting Los Angeles won for only the fourth time this season.

Rodney Rogers scored 14 points and Lorenzen Wright had 13 points and 11 rebounds to help the Clippers hold off the Mavericks'

fourth-quarter rally.

Rockets 108, Spurs 78

Clyde Drexler led six players in double figures with 17 points and 11 assists as Houston won its ninth straight

Kevin Willis added 16 points, Mario Elie bad 12 and Matt Maloney shot 4-for-4 on 3-pointers and also scored 12. Reserves Eddie Johnson and Rodrick Rhodes added 13 and 10, respec-

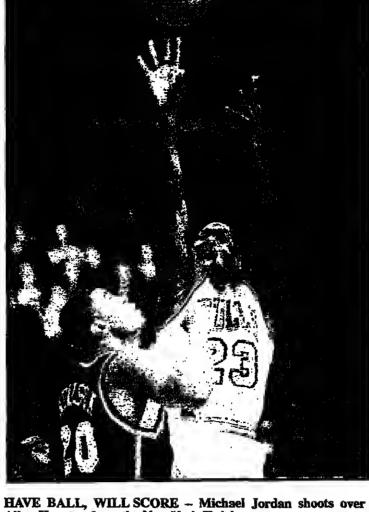
Suns 107, Grizzlies 85 Cedric Ceballos scored 21 points in 23 minutes and Antonio McDyess had 20 points and nine rebounds as host Phoenix won.

Danny Manning added 14 points for the Suns, who are now 6-1 against Western Conference foes. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 21 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their third consecutive game and sixth in the last seven.

Kings 113, Jazz 101 Corliss Williamson scored 19 of his career-high 27 points in the second half and Mitch Richmond added 24 points.

0-0 11, Ewing 6-20 10-15 22, Houston 5-13 4-4 16, Ward 5-10 0-0 15, B.Wittems 0-2 2-2 2, Startes 2-13 1-25, Childs 5-6 1-2 7, Dudley 0-3 1-4 1. Totats 29-61 20-31 82, CHBCAGO (100) Kukoc 6-6 4-6 20, Rodman 1-2 0-0 2, Longley 3-9 7-7 13, Harper 5-13 3-3 13, Jordan 10-23 9-9 29, Brown 3-6 3-3 8, Caffey 2-5 0-2 4, Kert 2-5 2-2 7, Wennington 1-2 0-0 2, Burrell 0-1 0-0 0, Buschier 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 33-74 29-34 100. Claving 13), Chicago 5t (Floriman, Longley, Harper 6), Assists—New York 16 (Ward 5), Chicago 17 (Harper, Jordan 4), Total fouls—New York 25, Chicago 24, Technicals—Childs 2, New York coach Van Gundy, Oeldey, Brown, Jordan.

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Minnesota 23 24 25 27—99
SEATTLE (108) Baker 4-11 8-10 14,
Schrampi 8-13 0-0 19, Michaeline 2-2 0-0 4,
Headdins 4-9 7-7 18, Payton 7-16 5-7 21, Perkins 3-5 0-0 6, Elist 5-11 4-1 14, Williams 0-0 0-0 10,
Wingels 3-5 0-0 6, Anthony 2-6 0-0 5, Cotton 0-2 0-0 0, Snow 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 38-79 23-30 108.
MINNESOTA, 1999 Garnett 7-13 2-2 16,
Gugfiotta 5-12 1-1 11, Roberts 2-5 0-0 4, Carr 715 2-2 16, Marbury 4-19 7-9 16, Parks 1-1 0-0 2,
Mitchell 4-11 5-5 13, Porter 1-4 2-2 5,
Hammonds 3-5 0-0 6, Wheet 3-5 0-0 6, Jordan 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 37-9 11 9-21 99,
Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 52
(Michaeline 10), Minnesota 52 (Garnett 15),
Assists—Seattle 28 (Payton 11), Minnesota, 24
(Gugliotes, Marbury 5): Total Jouls—Seattle 16,
Minnesota 25, Technicitis—Payton, Carr, 14,
--15,073.



Allan Houston from the New York Knicks.

LA Clippers 27 27 17 28—99
Dallas 21 24 24 23—92
LA CLIPPERS 99) Murray 5-13 7-8 17,
Rogers 5-11 2-2 14, Wright 6-8 1-2 13,
Richardson 3-9 2-2 6, Piaticovski 3-13 5-8 11,
Marin 6-12 1-2 18, Robinson 2-8 2-4 7, Taylor 412 3-5 11, Totals 3-5 62 3-3 19,
DALLAS 62) Finitey 5-16 4-4 17, Scott 7-18
0-0 15, Green 0-5 0-0 0, Reeves 6-18 9-9 28,
Strictiond 1-7 0-0 3, Davis 5-9 1-2 12, Walker 3-5
1-2 7, Muursepp 4-7 0-18, Wells 1-2-0-12, Totals
36-83 15-17 92,
Fouled out—Muursepp, Rebounds—Los
Angeles 51 (Wright 11), Dallas 41 (Green 7),
Assists—Los Angeles 14 (Rogen 5), Deflas 21
(Finley 7), Total fouls—Los Angeles 14, Dallas
25, A—9,S32,

San Antonio 28 14 21 15—78
Houston 33 27 28 20—108
SAN ANTONIO (78) Elect 5-11 0-0 12
Duncan 4-10 5-8 13, Robinson 6-9 2-2 14, Del
Negro 5-9 0-0 11, Auloinson 3-9 0-0 8, Rose 312 1-2 8, Alexander 1-7 2-2 5, Williams 2-8 0-0 4,
Person 0-4 0-0 0, Jackson 2-10 0-1 5, Perdue 01 0-0 0, Totals 31-90 10-13 78.
HOUSTON (108) Elie 8-11 0-0 13, Bardey
2-10 2-2 6, Wills 6-12 0-1 16, Dreider 4-10 9-10
17, Malciney 4-4 0-0 12, Busterd 3-6 0-0 8, Davis
3-3 1-2 8, Euloinson 4-8-3-13, Rhodes 4-9 2-5
10, Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Herrington 1-2 1-1 3, Totals
40-76 18-24 108.
Fouled cut—None, Rebounds—San Antonio
S2 (Durpan, Robinson 9), Houston S2 (Bardey
147, Adelsts—San Antonio 23 (Auloinson 8),
Houston 20 15 Perdue 11, Total fotts—Ten Antonio
19; Houston 5-6, Sechnicals—Bardey, A—16,295,

Flames burn Islanders

UNIONDALE, New York (AP) - A power-play goal by German Titov with 1.7 seconds left in the first period helped the Calgary Flames capture their second road victory of the season, a 3-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Tuesday.

Rick Tabaracci made 20 saves for Calgary, whose other road victory was 2-1 at Florida on November 20. Jarome Iginla and Theoren Fleury also scored for Calgary. which snapped a three-game losing

Red Wings 7, Canucks 5 Kirk Maltby scored his first two goals of the season, including a deflection off his chest, and host Detroit handed Vancouver its

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fourth straight defeat.

Steve Yzerman reached another career milestone with a goal and an assist, while Larry Murphy also had a goal and an assist for the Red Wings. Vyacheslav Kozlov, Brent Gilchrist and Darren McCarty scored Detroit's other goals.

Penguins 2, Kings I Rob Brown scored the gamewinning goal and Tom Barrasso made 23 saves for his fourth consecutive road victory as visiting Pittsburghwon. Barrasso lost his bid for a fourth straight shutout win when Vladimir Tsyplakov scored the Kings' lone goal in the second. period. It was the first goal Barrasso had allowed in his last 218 minutes on the road.

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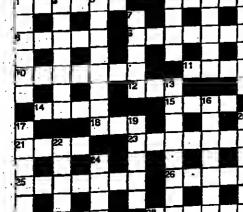
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'Venables didn't prepare us properly'

SYDNEY (AP) - Terry Venables' failed campaign to get Australia a berth in the soccer World Cup was criticized yesterday by veteran player Graham Amold, who quit when the team bowed out

Australia was level with Iran at 3-3 over two matches to decide the 32nd and final qualifying spot last month but missed out on the away goals rule.

Arnold, who came on as a substitute in Melbourne for his last charge of four World Cup campaigns, said Venables must become a full-time Australian based coach if he wants success with the team. "Tve been in four World Cup

campaigns and the preparation we had this time was definitely the worst. We can't let it happen again," Arnold told the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.
"It might be barsh but the fact is

we failed badly. We should have been going to the World Cup. We lost out against a good team, but not a great one. And it wasn't all about bad luck either."

Arnold said Venables should not be reappointed as Socceroos coach when his current contract expires unless he can make a full commitment to the national team.

Juventus struggle past United 1-0

TURIN, Italy - Filippo Inzaghi's header with six minutes left gave Juventus of Turin a 1-0 win over Manchester United Wednesday in Champions League play yesterday. Needing a victory to have a chance at reaching the quarter-finals, the 1996 Champions Cup titlist and last season's runner-up struggled all match to beat Manchester's Danish 'keeper Peter Schmeichel before more than 55,000 fans at its Delle Alpi

Stadium. The hosts had to do without suspended top forward Alessandro Del Piero, and the makeshift strikeforce of Inzaghi and Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca were

not always in synch.
French midfielder Zinedine Zidane, shadowed all match by Manchester's Ronny Johnson of Norway directed the hosts attack and lofted the well-placed cross that Inzaghi nodded home for the winner in the 84th.

Manchester was already assured of a quarter-final spot heading into yesterday's game, having clinched first place in Group B by winning its first five games.

Juventus finished second in the

group with a 4-0-2 record and 12

Sparta Prague 0 Borussia Dortmund 3 Borussia Dortmund, the defending champion, beat Sparta to storm into the quarter-finals of the

Champions Cup on a high note.

Already assured of winning Group A of the Champions League, Dortmund finished the round-robin stage of the competition with a 5-1 record.

Bayer Leverkusen 2 AS Monaco 2

Monaco scored two late goals to clinch a draw at Bayer Leverkusen, a result that sent both teams to the quarter-finals of the Champions Cup.

Both teams finished Group F with 13 points, Monaco going through as group winner with a better goal difference and Leverkusen as the best secondplaced team.

After goals by Stefan Beinlich and Erik Meijer had secured Leverkusen a two-goal lead, Monaco struck back late in the game with goals from Christophe



TANGLED UP - Manchester United's Karel Poborsky (left) fights with Juventus's Ciro Ferrara in Turin yesterday.

Pignol and Thierry Henry.
It took 20 minutes for either team to create a chance and it was Leverkusen that took the first shot at the goal, with Monaco goalkeeper Fabien Barthez tipping over a long-range shot by Jens

Real Madrid 4, Porto 0 Brazilian set-piece specialist Roberto Carlos led the celebrations as Real Madrid won a place in the European Cup quarter-finals with a

crushing win. Davor Suker scored twice, and Fernando Hierro once, but the star bead home a Roberto Carlos cor-

of the night for the six-times champions was Roberto Carlos, who curled in a superb free-kick just after the break.

The game was just five minutes old when Fernando Hierro outjumped the visitors's defense to

Suker added the second with a fine shot on the half hour and Roberto Carlos the third in the 50th minute. Suker was brought down in the area midway through the second half and rounded off his own fine performance by scoring

(AP, Renters) from the spot,

Other results: Kosice 0; Feyenoord 1; Sporting Lisbon. 2, Lierse 1; Paris St. Germain 2, Besiktas 1; Olympiakos Pinaeus 2, Rosenborg Trondheim 2; Newcastie 2, Dynamo Kiev 0.

Graf enters Australian Open

MELBOURNE (AP) - Injured tennis star Steffi Graf has entered next month's Australian Open and is expected to relaunch her career at the year's opening Grand Slam event

Graf last played on June 3 before having surgery for a knee injury. Her ranking has slipped to No. 28 and she has canceled several planned comebacks in the past two months.

"Unfortunately, I've fallen a little behind in my rehabilitation and will be unable to compete in Baltimore," Graf said in a statement ahead of the November 25 Tennis Challenge in Baltimore.

Entries closed yesterday for the Australian Open.

Graf, a four-time winner of the Australian Open, joins defending champion Martina Hingis, fourtime winner Monica Seles and American Venus Williams, the US Open finalist, as major draw cards for the tournament starting January 19.

Nine of the women's world top 10 have entered, with Jana Novotna of the Czech republic opting not to play.

The cutoff ranking for players to

gain an automatic acceptance into the main draw of the tournament is 113 this year, a record according to officials.

The men's cutoff is 107 and all of the men's top 10 players will contest the event.

Maccabi seeks revenge against Efes Pilsen

Maccabi Tel Aviv faced Efes Pilsen for the first time in the Euro League, but it has not taken long for quite a rivalry to develop, especially since Maccabi's hopes to return to the elite of European basketball unst go through the Turkish champions.

Efes Pilsen defeated the Israelis in a fierce best-of-three Final 16: series last season and has already beaten Maccabi again this season, an 81-69 victory in Istanbul in which the Turks roared back from

an 18-point deficit. Tonight at Yad Eliahu, Maccabi (4-4) can clinch a top-three spot in Group A if it defeats Efes (4-4), no matter what happens in next week's final games of the three clubs in the next round and face a much easier path to the

Maccabi put itself in this position with impressive victories over Real Madrid and CSKA Moscow in its last two European contests, while Pilsen has lost three of its last four games since defeating the Israelis.

that momentum in Maccabi's favor has dissipated somewhat, due to the three-week break from Euro League play for national team competition and Tel Aviv's embarrassing league loss on Sunday to Maccabi Ramat

Meanwhile. Efes was able to rest superstar Petar Naumoski in

Naumoski is one of Europe's best players - and a thorn in Maccabi's side. He burned the Israelis for 32 points in the decisive Game 3 last season and did it again as the driving force behind the Turk's comeback win earlier this season with 28 points and 7

assists. He enters tonight's contest-eighth in the Euro League with a 19.0 scoring average, first in assists with 4.6 and third in freethrow percentage at 89.8 percent.

He is by no means the entire Pilsen team, however, as Maccabi found out in its earlier loss, when the Turks' smothering defense limited it to only 36 points in the

ering dumping him, Mirsad Turkcan (13.6 points, 6.6 Turkcan (13.6 points, 6.6 rebounds) and Brian Howard (11.3 points) have been solid contributors.

Maccabi hopes the expected capacity crowd will turn the tide in its favor and that EuroLeague leading scorer Oded Katash (23.6 points a game) will have fully recovered from the flu he suffered from this week. Maccabi also needs to avoid getting into the early foul trouble it encountered in Istanbul, which the Turks exploited to play more aggressively during their comeback.

The game is scheduled to be

broadcast live on Channel 1 at 8:50 p.m.

Euro League's first stage.

This means Maccabi would a league victory this week, which.

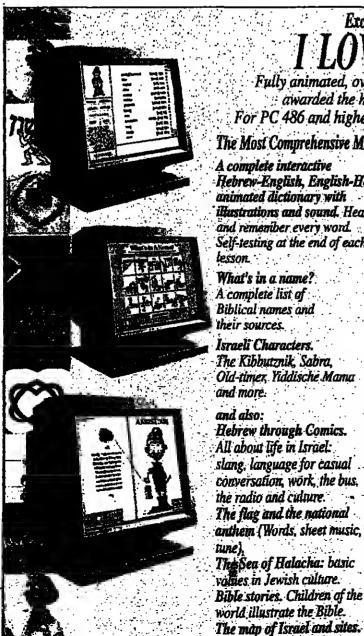
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